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## DUKE McCALL IS MARCH RADIO SPEAKER "THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S" MARCH 7 SUBJECT

Atlanta, February 11—"The Things that Are Caesar's" is the subject of The Baptist Hour for March 7, with Dr. Duke K. McCall, of Nashville, Tennessee, as speaker, it was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director. The Baptist Hour series, "Divine Light For Daily Living," considers the broader areas of Christian citizenship during March.

Dr. McCall, who spoke on the Baptist Hour in 1946, is Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, and will be heard each Sunday in March. His other subjects will be: "Your Church and the Public School," on March 14; "Equal - Under God," on March 21; and "The First Day of the Week," on March 29, the last program of the current series.

The poll of favorite hymns reaches its climax in March, when the fourth, third, second and first favorites will be featured on succeeding Sundays. They have been chosen among six and a half million Southern Baptists and other interested listeners.

The Baptist Hour may be heard in our state over radio stations WGRM,



DR. DUKE K. McCALL

Greenwood; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; and WTKO, Meridian at 7:30 Sunday mornings, and over WAZF, Yazoo City at 8:30 the following Sunday morning.

## 1947 WAS RECORD YEAR FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

26,764 CHURCHES NOW HAVE 6,270,819 MEMBERS



DR. Wm. P. PHILLIPS

Dr. Wm. P. Phillips, superintendent of Adult work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct conferences on this work at our State Sunday School Convention in Meridian, March 9-10. Adult workers are indeed fortunate in having a man of such wide and helpful experiences to lead them during the Convention.

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## Rural Priests

By John D. Freeman, Rural Field Worker, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board

Catholics are becoming the chief rival of Baptists in rural fields. They already have almost complete control of many areas in the Midwest states. They are pressing their work in a sensible way, as may be seen from the following statement:

"The large city parish can to some extent depend upon its prestige, but the standing of a little country parish depends upon the personality of the pastor. In the open country, judgment, diplomacy, activity, progressiveness and leadership are the natural virtues required of a priest. The country pastor must be a community leader. He must know rural problems. He must have sympathy with rural ideals and aspirations. He must love the country; he must know the country life, the difficulties that the farmer has to face in his business, some of the great scientific revelations made in behalf of agriculture, the great industrial forces at work for the making or unmaking of the farmer, the fundamental social problems in the life of the open country."—(Quoted from Catholic Author).

### One Thing Favors Baptists

Catholics have few rural youths from whom to draw their priests. It is difficult for a city-bred man to

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—Porter Routh, denominational statistician, has announced that Southern Baptist churches in 1947 reported more baptisms, enrolled more people in Sunday School, Training Union, Women's Missionary Societies, and Brotherhoods, and gave more money to all causes than any other year in history.

Churches reported 285,152 baptisms in 1947 to exceed a previous high of 269,155 as recorded in 1939. However, Routh said, since the membership has grown since 1939 the ratio of membership to baptisms is not so favorable. In 1939, one baptism was reported for 18.3 members, while the 1947 ratio was one baptism for each 22 members.

### 26% Non-Resident

Total membership of the 26,764 churches cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention is 6,270,819, a gain of 191,514 (3.1 per cent) over 1946. But Routh estimated that 26 per cent of the membership is non-resident.

California, newest state in the Southern Baptist territory, recorded the best record in baptisms, one for each 6.4 members. Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, New Mexico and Oklahoma were all below the one for each 20 ratio. There were 4,403 churches reporting no baptisms in 1947, compared with 5,996 in 1946.

Sunday School enrollment passed the 4,000,000 mark for the first time, the figure being 4,004,705 at year's end, a 7.1 per cent gain during 1947. Other church organizations reported recorded enrollments as follows: Vacation Bible Schools, 1,328,790; Training Union, 1,328,790.

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## MISSIONARIES IN ORIENT FACE GRAVE DIFFICULTIES Necessary For Some To Evacuate Stations

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—"With world conditions as they are, we are compelled to accept that fact that the work of Christian world missions cannot be maintained without our being willing to incur grave risks of life as well as of property."

So read a "blood, sweat, and tears" statement adopted by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention after a study of extremely perilous mission conditions in China.

The Board had just read a letter from Dr. Baker James Cauthen of Shanghai, regional mission secretary for the Orient, in which he said: "With economic insecurity, civil war abounding and multiplied problems of a war-ravished country trying to feel its way into new life, we are in the midst of a work where we are

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## Foreign Missions Receive More Than Half of Baptists '47 Receipts

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Foreign missions received 51.52 per cent of all money contributed to Southern Baptist Convention causes in 1947.

An auditors' report, just completed and covering 1947 operations of the Convention's Executive Committee, revealed that a total of \$7,356,226.65 was received during the year for distribution to causes sponsored by the Convention.

A sum of \$3,789,741.09, or 51.52 per cent of the total, went to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond for mission work overseas.

Home missions received the second largest portion—20.14 per cent. This sum, totalling \$1,431,680.07, was sent to the Home Mission Board at Atlanta for mission work in the 20-state territory of the Convention, Cuba, and Panama.

The auditors revealed that less than two-thirds of one per cent of the contributions is used for the promotional and operating expenses of the Convention and its machinery. Ninety-nine and 37-100ths per cent of the total was channeled directly to the Convention's mission, educational, and benevolent work.

Of the total received during the year, \$5,217,762.39 was for the denomination's Cooperative Program and \$2,138,464.26 was designated to special objects.

## Miss. Ministers Sponsor "Friendship Barge"

GREENVILLE, Miss.—(RNS)—A "Friendship Barge" of food and clothing for the needy people of Europe is moving down the Mississippi River toward the port of New Orleans, thanks to the efforts of the Greenville Ministerial Association.

Members of the Association secured support for the project from churches of all denominations throughout the lower Mississippi Delta. Editor Hodding Carter of the Greenville Democrat-Times acted as co-sponsor of the project.

Contributions have poured in from every village and hamlet in the surrounding countryside. By the time the barge reaches New Orleans in custody of the steam-driven towboat Kokoda—winner of the recent New Orleans to St. Louis race with the Diesel-driven Helena—more than 200 tons of material will be aboard.

The Federal Barge Lines offered the barge and tow free and volunteer helpers donated their services.

But the real force behind the move are the people of the Delta region, heart of Mississippi's plantation country.

One oldtimer described the friendship barge idea—like that of the more famous Freedom Train—as a kind of personal European Recovery Plan.

## The Baptist Record EF Plan Increases Finances



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ing Unions, 927,908; W. M. U., 761,907; and Brotherhoods, 97,146. Biggest percentage gain was in the Brotherhood, an increase of 36 per cent.

**Fewer Quarter-Time Churches**

Routh said that the number of churches with preaching only one time each month decreased from 7,327 to 6,558. The number of churches with preaching services each Sunday increased from 10,110 to 11,133.

Total gifts for all purposes to the churches during 1947 amounted to \$132,162,846. Of this amount, the churches spent \$103,690,832 for local expenses, and \$28,472,014 for missions, education and benevolence.

"The per capita increase in giving has nearly kept pace with per capita income since the bottom was reached in 1933," Routh said. Since 1933, the per capita income in the Southern Baptist Convention territory has increased an estimated 300 per cent, and per capital gifts during the period have shown an increase of 275 per cent.

The average Baptist church member gave 2.5 per cent of his income in 1933 compared to 2.3 per cent in 1947.

Value of all church property climbed \$53,776,873 in 1947 to reach a total of \$366,830,652. Some of this increase represents new buildings, Routh said, and the balance represents increased valuation placed on church property by the individual congregations.

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**RURAL PRIESTS**

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make adjustments necessary to enable him to win the complete respect and confidence of rural folk. Some 70% of Baptist ministers are from country stock, and they already know the life, problems, and such of rural people—things which the hierarchy proposes that its priests shall learn.

But, let it never be forgotten: a city-bred man who is trained to be a community leader, who has had advantages which education and culture and professional training give, is not going to remain long behind the untrained men, even if the latter is country-born and trained. Only wishful thinking will lead a Baptist to conclude that Catholics cannot go far in "taking over the rural South."

Southern Baptists must bestir themselves and provide immediately for more thorough training of all rural ministers, or the inroads of other groups will continue with increasing power. Two-thirds of the rural pastors have never had the advantage of college or seminary training. They cannot enter school, except in rare cases. If they receive any help, the training must be carried to them. This is true of our white pastors; it is far more certain with the Negroes.

**What Shall We Do?**

The writer believes that Howard College of Alabama has set a pattern which at least one Baptist school in each state should follow. An extension department has been set up, and it is ministering to all who wish to study, especially to the pastors of country churches. It provides "extension classes" and there are now 23 of these scattered over the State, with two for Negroes being ready. In many of the extensions two or more teachers are required. The students enroll, pay a small fee, and upon completion of required work on any subject, receive credit therefor. The men re-

**Dr. Caswell Leaves West Point Church**

Dr. Edward J. Caswell, Pastor of the First Church, West Point, has resigned effective March 15. Doctors advised Dr. Caswell to take a year's rest. Well known in Southern Baptist circles, Dr. Caswell began his ministry in West Point 25 years ago. Later he served the First Church, Greenwood for 20 years.

Last summer Dr. Caswell returned to West Point as interim pastor and later accepted the regular pastorate.

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**Rev. Percy Ray To Conduct Artesia Revival**

The Artesia Baptist Church, in Columbus Association, is planning for revival services March 8 - 19. Rev. Percy Ray of the Home Mission Board is to be the visiting evangelist. Revival Prayer Meeting have been in progress all this week, and Revival Choir Practice has been held for the last two weeks. Rev. J. F. Stanford, pastor, will lead the singing, having both an Adult and a Junior Choir.

Mr. Stanford has been pastor at Artesia for only seven months, in which time the church has gone from half time to full time. During these seven months, the church has had seven additions and one rededication. The finances have very much improved during this time, with a larger enrollment in Sunday School and Training Union, and a regular Prayer Meeting, and G. A. and Sunbeams Band being organized.

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**MISSIONARIES IN ORIENT**

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sustained only by a consciousness that it is God's work.

"We realistically face the fact," Dr. Cauthen continued, "that we must project a program of missions under just these conditions or not project any work at all. God chose His servants to come to this land knowing that these were the conditions we will have to face."

The Board's resolution took cognizance "of the perils facing many of our missionaries in China" and reaffirmed "our confidence in the judgment and devotion of our missionaries. Conditions make it necessary that in some cases missionaries evacuate their stations. In other cases missionaries have decided they should remain in their places of work."

ceive practical training in homiletics, church efficiency, and such, and are better fitted for their work.

Results already in evidence prove the wisdom of the plan. Some 375 ministers were enrolled in the extension classes at the close of 1947. Churches served by these men are being quickened in their interests. Antagonism to higher education is being changed into loyalty to the program of training. Scattered throughout Alabama are rural fields already on the upgrade because a pastor here and there has gone to school again.

There are other agencies that can help. I believe, however, that the one- or two-week preacher schools, the Bible institute, and such temporary methods cannot provide what the permanent, nine-month term of an extension department can do. I write this, therefore, in the hope that readers may become interested in studying the plan and introduce it, or some modification of it, into their program of training ministers of the gospel.

**Woman's College Faculty, Students Commend President I. E. Rouse**

Shown above is Dr. I. E. Rouse, Woman's College president, receiving the Citizenship Award.

In appreciation of the fact that Dr. I. E. Rouse, President of Mississippi Woman's College, was recently selected as the outstanding citizen of Hattiesburg for 1947, the students of Woman's College have adopted resolutions of appreciation, extracts of which are quoted below:

"When God is going to do something wonderful, He begins with a difficulty.

If it is going to be something very wonderful, He begins with an impossibility."

We students of Mississippi Woman's College, who have watched the progress of our school this year, feel that these lines might well describe the work of our beloved president, who through his faith and determination has accomplished the impossible in the reopening of this college. We take pride in the honor which has been accorded him in being selected the outstanding citizen of Hattiesburg. We take a deeper pride in the work that he has done in making Woman's College one of the most beautiful and efficient educational plants in the South, and we wish to express publicly our appreciation to him and Mrs. Rouse, to our faculty, and the Baptists of Mississippi for the privileges that are ours in attending a Christian institution such as this — — —

But more important even than all of these is the spiritual atmosphere that prevades our campus. We have found Woman's College the ideal place for spiritual growth.

The dynamic leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Rouse proves in itself a constant challenge to the great achievement in the Christian life. Christian teachers who present the subject matter of their classes from a Christian view point and who embody in their daily lives the spirit of Christ have increased our faith and inspired us to give Christ preeminence in our vocations.

Finally, fellowship with a Christian student body and opportunities for participation in such spiritual meetings as our morning watch services, our noon-day prayer meetings, our daily chapel programs, and our various Baptist Student Union activities afford ample opportunity for real spiritual growth.

We believe this school was born of God, for only He could have wrought the miracles connected with its rebirth. — STUDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

The faculty also adopted resolutions concerning Dr. Rouse which in part were as follows:

"That the president of Mississippi Woman's College has been cited as Hattiesburg's outstanding citizen for 1947 will not be news to many people, who have already seen the press notices. But it is worthy of note that Dr. Rouse earned this recognition in rendering a service to Mississippi Baptists. The business men of Hattiesburg know that reopening Woman's College was more than negotiating a few contracts for repair work, and interviewing prospects for teaching positions. They know that the task as accomplished involved setting forth an educational ideal, evolving a financial plan, raising a large proportion of the necessary funds personally, and assembling a faculty that would assure the greatest measure of success for the resurrected institution — — —

Naturally, the faculty, who have come to appreciate his fair and capable administration of the school, are proud of this well deserved honor that has come to their president, as are the trustees, the students, and a large circle of fellow citizens and fellow Baptists."

**THE FACULTY —**

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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Rev. W. G. Watson, Associate Pastor at Louisville/ recently taught a study course to the teachers and officers of Brooksville Church. The text used was "From Bethlehem to Olivet."

The American Tract Society has available large quantities of Gospel tracts and bound volumes suitable for distribution in English-speaking portions of the mission field. This literature will be given free to recognized Christian organizations, provided the recipients will defray shipping costs. Address all correspondence to the American Tract Society, Inc., 21 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York.



# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

I  
A 500 mile round trip on Sunday took us to Philadelphia and to Baldwin. Despite another cold wave this winter a splendid congregation was present at Baldwin. They were certainly in fine spirits. Brother Robert Palmer is the talented pastor. We knew Mrs. Palmer as Miss Ethel Janet Mommson of Philadelphia. She is from a very fine family of friends. They are doing a great work.

A Delta planter spoke to his pastor as follows: "I know how to raise cotton but I do not know how to sell it to best advantage. Therefore, I sell it through the Co-operative Marketing Association. I know how to make money but I do not know all the places where it should go. Therefore, I am strongly for the Co-operative Program because it helps me place the Lord's money!" That is consecrated common sense!

The Convention Board Co-operative Program Committee recently held a session in the Baptist Building. The members are Dr. F. M. Purser, chairman, Rev. J. B. Smith, secretary, Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Rev. M. P. Jones, and Rev. Virgil Ratcliff. The usual excellent spirit and prayerful consideration characterized the meeting. You will be hearing important things from them soon and we will let them unfold the story.

II  
The marriage service for Mr. Allen White Spencer, Beaumont, Texas, and Miss Rosa Maude Cole, Philadelphia, was a lovely affair. We were happy to perform the ceremony. The Coles of Philadelphia have been long time, outstanding, church leaders and faithful friends. We were happy to meet the Spencer family. A host of friends were present for the affair. I Corinthians 13, Numbers 6:24-26. Psalms 121.

III  
In the home going of Brother Pickering, Jones County, Mississippi Baptists lose a real veteran of the Cross. Since being in this work, we had the privilege of being in his home a time or two and with real enjoyment. He was a friend of the family in boyhood days. His home has produced some fine Christian leaders.

IV  
"Spurgeon's Lectures to his Students" constitutes a very good volume for the preacher or other Christian student.

"The Soul Winner" by Spurgeon is another very fine volume. These were called to our attention by Rev. C. S. Wales, Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

"Is God in There?" is the title of the new volume by Dr. C. T. Leber. It comes from the Revell press. Some parts of this volume are very refreshing. We find other portions disappointing.

## THE LAST WEEK OF OUR LORD'S MINISTRY AND CRUCIFIXION

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IV  
The fourth saying, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" leads us more into the Holy of Holies to be with Jesus than any passage of scripture we know. Study it carefully, putting emphasis on every phrase, on every word "My," "My," — how personally He speaks! He belongs to God and God belongs to Him. "My God"—why does He use the term God here instead of Father as in the garden of Gethsemane or in the first saying from the cross? Here He is taking the place of the sinner before God, that the sinner through His atoning blood might come to stand before God without sin. He uses the language of the unregenerate. God is not the spiritual Father of sons of Satan! (John 8:44). The unregenerate cannot honestly pray the model prayer, Matthew 6:2-15. Here Jesus exalts death without staying in bondage to death. (I Corinthians 15:3, 4).

Here Jesus was made to be sin without sinning. In hours of darkness the child desires the presence of his parents. Yet while there was darkness over the face of the earth from the sixth until the ninth hour, Jesus was denied the presence of His Heavenly Father. When one suffers, he desires the presence of a dear loved one or friend. While Jesus suffered and died, He was denied for a while the presence of His Heavenly Father. When one experiences mental anguish, he desires a helpful presence. When Jesus was torn with the question, "Why," He was denied the presence of His Father! When suffering is severest, the heart breaks for a loved one or a friend. While Jesus suffered for the heart-burning, happiness-destroying, death-dealing, hell-bringing sins of the world, He was denied the presence of the Father God! Why did God withdraw? If Jesus is to be a perfect Saviour, He must suffer every item in the penalty of sin! Whatever else sin is, it means separation from God. See Dives in Luke 16. The original sin brought the promised penalty of suffering. (Genesis 3:16-19). Jesus suffered so much He was called a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53). Sweat is included in the penalty of sin. Jesus sweat, as it were, great drops of blood. Part of the curse of sin was, "The earth shall bring forth thorns and thistles." Jesus wore a crown of thorns. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23). Jesus suffered death for our sins. "Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul, break down every idol, cast out every foe; now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." (Isaiah 1:18. Psalms 51:7, I John 1:7).

V  
The fifth saying of Jesus on the cross is, "I thirst." (John 19:28). Here the giver of life dies! Here the Great Physician suffers! Here the Water of Life is athirst! Your Lord thirsts! Where are Thaddaeus and Bartholomew, two disciples who might have stumbled into Heaven's Hall of Fame with no more than a thimble full of water? They are where other church members are—away from the service of the King! Where is Simon Peter? Your Lord desires to drink of water! As yet, Simon Peter has not learned the way of love. He knows only the way of force. He tried that in the garden of Gethsemane. It failed and he failed with it!

VI  
The sixth saying of Jesus is, "It is finished." (John 19:30). What is finished? The law is fulfilled. Certain dispensations are completed. The atoning sufferings of Jesus are over. God has completed His way for saving men. A gigantic bridge is completed. They test it. Somebody shouts, "It holds! It holds!" Jesus has bridged the chasm between earth and heaven. We claim the salvation of God in heaven by His work. He holds! He holds!

VII  
The seventh saying of Jesus is, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." As a trusting child steps into the outstretched arms of the waiting, watchful father, so does Jesus step out into the arms of His waiting Heavenly Father. What trust! What peace! What assurance! Small wonder devout lovers and followers sing, "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

The people of Christ everywhere need to camp by the cross of Jesus until their hearts are broken at the sight of His suffering. Until they possess His spirit. Until they are driven by His compassion and go out to win a world for Him! (John 3:16).

## 100 Churches Leading In Gifts - 1947

Churches	Association	Amount
1. Jackson-1st.	Hinds	\$84,776.03
2. Columbus-1st.	Columbus	42,823.08
3. Jackson-Calvary	Hinds	40,114.27
4. Laurel-1st.	Jones	36,490.74
5. Meridian-1st.	Lauderdale	24,110.72
6. Brookhaven-1st.	Lincoln	23,733.56
7. Tupelo-Calvary	Lee	19,121.47
8. Grenada-1st.	Grenada	19,008.58
9. McComb-1st.	Pike	18,299.49
10. Hattiesburg-Main St.	Lebanon	18,239.26
11. Meridian-15th. Ave.	Lauderdale	17,575.40
12. Clinton	Hinds	17,561.23
13. Vicksburg-1st.	Warren	17,532.91
14. West Point-1st.	Clay	16,170.16
15. Pascagoula-1st.	Jackson	13,815.50
16. Hattiesburg-1st.	Lebanon	13,602.25
17. Louisville-1st.	Winston	13,322.57
18. Picayune-1st.	Pearl River	12,870.09
19. Crystal Springs	Copiah	11,703.79
20. Prentiss	Jeff Davis	11,331.11
21. New Albany	Union County	11,213.44
22. Belzoni	Deer Creek	11,013.44
23. Greenwood-1st.	Leflore	10,294.73
24. Hazlehurst	Copiah	10,028.46
25. Columbia-1st.	Marion	9,661.47

Churches	Association	Amount
1. Meridian-Highland	Lauderdale	\$ 9,054.43
2. Hattiesburg-5th.	Lebanon	8,547.27
3. Leland	Deer Creek	8,154.13
4. Pontotoc-1st.	Pontotoc	7,858.86
5. Philadelphia-1st.	Neshoba	7,650.94
6. Quitman	Clarke	7,558.81
7. Gulfport-1st.	Gulf Coast	7,205.10
8. Holly Springs	Marshall	7,107.20
9. Aberdeen-1st.	Monroe	7,099.65

10. Tupelo-1st.	Lee	7,017.04
11. Greenville-1st.	Deer Creek	6,949.41
12. McComb-East	Pike	6,638.32
13. Starkville	Oktibbeha Co.	6,348.21
14. Canton-1st.	Madison	6,278.40
15. Clarksdale-1st.	Riverside	6,270.32
16. Kosciusko-1st.	Attala	6,183.19
17. Natchez-1st.	Franklin	6,111.51
18. Corinth-1st.	Alcorn	5,915.59
19. Yazoo City-1st.	Yazoo	5,828.89
20. Laurel-West	Jones	5,728.13
21. Bay Springs	Jasper	5,646.01
22. Jackson-Northside	Hinds	5,493.05
23. Tylertown	Walthall	5,359.07
24. Pickens	Holmes	5,176.78
25. Durant	Holmes	5,160.00

Churches	Association	Amount
1. Jackson-Parkway	Hinds	\$ 5,116.91
2. Rolling Fork	Deer Creek	4,977.14
3. Drew	Sunflower	4,884.21
4. Meridian-Poplar Spr. Drive	Lauderdale	4,849.44
5. Gallilee	Mississippi	4,736.58
6. McComb-Central	Pike	4,678.74
7. Booneville	Prentiss	4,531.06
8. Winona-1st.	Montgomery	4,487.34

9. Newton	Newton	4,416.65
10. Moss Point-Southside	Jackson	4,400.46
11. Meridian-1st.	Lauderdale	4,400.11
12. Indianola	Sunflower	4,357.94
13. Tupelo-Harrisburg	Lee	4,324.03
14. Calhoun City-1st.	Calhoun	4,237.41
15. Flora	Madison	4,164.03
16. Collins	Covington	4,114.90
17. Lowrey Memorial	Tippah	3,841.67
18. Magee	Simpson	3,840.88
19. Oxford-1st.	Lafayette	3,691.69
20. Laurel-2nd.	Jones	3,578.58
21. Meridian-41st.	Lauderdale	3,491.07
22. Lexington	Holmes	3,452.25
23. Jackson-Griffith Memorial	Hinds	3,363.17
24. Poplarville-1st.	Pearl River	3,214.44
25. Charleston	Tallahatchie	3,192.93

Churches	Association	Amount
1. Ellisville	Jones	\$ 3,165.66
2. Pascagoula-Calvary	Jackson	3,156.23
3. Union	Newton	3,075.31
4. Batesville	Panola	3,052.56
5. Jackson-Van Winkle	Hinds	3,046.77
6. Magnolia-1st.	Pike	2,979.64
7. Senatobia	Tate	2,888.23
8. Sardis	Panola	2,830.41
9. Baldwin	Prentiss	2,821.20
10. Vicksburg-Bowmar Ave.	Warren	2,817.72
11. Morton	Scott	2,799.24
12. Tunica	Riverside	2,779.96
13. Liberty	Mississippi	2,757.06
14. Oak Grove	Lauderdale	2,659.47
15. Ripley	Tippah	2,639.91
16. Lyon	Riverside	2,629.36
17. Mt. Olive	Covington	2,579.31
18. Amory	Monroe	2,573.78
19. Centerville	Mississippi	2,534.21
20. Houston	Chickasaw	2,529.00
21. Water Valley	Yalobusha	2,509.06
22. Terry	Hinds	2,496.10
23. Cleveland	Bolivar	2,487.30
24. Salem	Covington	2,437.96
25. Biloxi-1st.	Gulf Coast	2,426.22

## Anti-Saloon League Changes Name

### Board of Directors Enlarged

The best attended and the most enthusiastic meeting in a number of years of the Board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League was held Friday night in the Robert E. Lee Hotel. Eighteen board members and invited guests were present. Five new members were added to the Board, including Rev. G. M. Peery, Executive Secretary of the Christian Church, and Henry Edmonds, Jackson Attorney, and President of the Baptist Brotherhood in Mississippi.

The work of the Superintendent was highly commended and he was asked to give more publicity to the work being done.

By unanimous vote the name was changed from the Anti-Saloon League to The Temperance League of Mississippi.

Two committees were appointed of which report will be made later.

Sunday School Superintendent E. C. Halbert recently was host to the officers and teachers of Brooksville Church. After the business session a social period was enjoyed.



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## Prove Your Sincerity

One statement made repeatedly by liquor advocates is that the law cannot be enforced, and therefore it should be repealed. We do not hear such claims made regarding other laws, but we have not heard any demand that the game laws be repealed because they were not enforced.

Drew Pearson, in his Washington Merry-Go-Round column, recently stated that opium was being illegally brought into the United States from Mexico. So far we have heard no plea to repeal the opium law because it is not perfectly enforced.

Many counties in the state are enforcing the liquor laws. One county is reported to have thirty-two bootleggers in jail. At least twenty-four counties have organized to secure better enforcement, and one county, Lee, has raised a fund to employ special deputies to enforce the law. State-wide the demand is growing that laws be enforced.

If the wets are honest in their arguments we suggest that they prove their sincerity by their deeds.

We have observed that in many cases the wets oppose any proposed law that would provide for better liquor law enforcement. The present laws could be strengthened and the loopholes eliminated. If the wets honestly believe that the liquor laws are unenforceable as compared with other laws, let them first help us to pass a law that will give prohibition a chance and then if the liquor laws are unenforceable they can ask for prohibition repeal without having their motives challenged.

Another claim made vociferously is that we are losing the revenue. We call attention to the fact that more revenue will be derived from enforcement of the law than

from any form of legal sale of liquor fines within the past three years. Records in the State Tax Collector's office show that a total of \$277.70 Black Market Tax was paid during the same period. This is far more revenue than would be derived from any legal sale of liquor.

Notwithstanding that the legislature has refused to consider liquor bills introduced, persistent effort is made by a minority to force some liquor measure through both House and Senate. Expression from the people from all sections of the state shows that the majority are opposed to repeal of the prohibition laws, and we are forced to conclude that it is not law enforcement or revenue the liquor minority want, but liquor.

Inasmuch as Governor Wright has declared in favor of retaining and strengthening our present laws, and inasmuch as the people have spoken in no uncertain terms, the legislature should now give attention to the enactment of enforcement measures and thereby give the governor laws needed, and also thereby fulfil the expressed wish of the people.

We hope, therefore, that the people from all sections will contact legislators and urge that support be given to enforcement measures.

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## Send Your Pastor

As is our annual custom we are calling attention of every Baptist Church in Mississippi to the fact that they should send their pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Memphis next May.

Of course, the larger churches are doing so but sometimes smaller churches overlook it.

Business concerns send their officials to various meetings and pay their expenses. Baptists Churches should certainly treat their pastors as well as business concerns treat their salesmen.

In view of the fact that the Convention meets in Memphis the expenses will not be as large as if the meeting was to be in a far away city. Whatever the cost, it will be worth it. Any pastor who is worthy of his office will come back a better pastor and preacher. Every dollar spent in this manner will be returned many fold, in inspiration and information.

Half and quarter-time churches should pay their proportionate part. Pastors should be immediately notified that their expenses will be provided, thus, they can make plans to go and for the work while gone

## Mississippi's Loss

Mississippi Baptists as well as Mississippi is poorer in the passing of Thomas Martin Hederman, Sr., editor of the Clarion-Ledger, Jackson. We feel a personal loss in his passing. As an inexperienced editor, we often went to him for advice and always found him considerate and helpful and wise.

Colonel Hederman, or Dr. Hederman, if you please, as this degree was worthily conferred upon him by Mississippi College in 1946, was faithful in all his trusts. He was faithful as president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College; he was faithful to his church; he was faithful as a deacon; he was faithful with his money. Many causes, to our knowledge, had his financial backing, often times unknown outside a small circle.

Colonel Hederman in his life and as an editor stood for those moral principles that are sometimes absent in these hectic days.

If he believed a thing right, he stood like a rock, whether he was in the minority or the majority.

So far as we know, he was the only editor of a largely circulated daily paper in Mississippi who stood for prohibition without any exceptions. The word "compromise" on moral questions was not in his vocabulary.

The oft quoted words of the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" apply to our departed friend, for he was ever fighting for the right and striving for the best. And in this connection, if he had to go, how fitting it was that he should go so soon after the defeat of the legalized liquor bill which he had fought so fiercely. Truly, he fought a good fight!

Perhaps while his friends here on earth labor and love and grieve, he and "Bertie" (his deceased brother, R. M. Hederman, Sr.) are basking in the sunshine of our Saviour's Love and talking about the glorious days on earth, now that the fight is finished.

## The Evangelistic Conference

The Evangelistic Conference held in the First Baptist Church, Vicksburg February 24 - 27 was outstanding and unusual in many respects. The program was planned with special appeal to preachers, but anything concerning evangelism also merits the attention of laymen and women as well. And

many laymen and women attended each session.

The sessions opened at 9:30 in the mornings and continued until late at night, with time out for meals; but the folks attended. We saw few standing around on the outside or in hotel lobbies. The people were serious and earnest and anxious.

The program was well planned using much of the best talent in Mississippi. Outstanding South-wide speakers also brought helpful addresses. The state of Washington sent an outstanding pastor. There was never a dull moment. Every speaker brought something worth while. It was an evangelistic conference indeed; those present were challenged to face the tragic fact that our nation needs to be evangelized now. The forces of Satan never sleep nor slumber.

The influence of this Conference should reach the remotest sections of our state and kindle the fire of evangelism in hearts, in homes, and in churches that should result in a great ingathering of lost souls.

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## Baptist Record Churches Lead In Cooperative Program Gifts

In the Baptist Record of February 19, executive secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall published a list of the 100 churches leading in Cooperative Program gifts for 1947. May we call the attention of our readers to the fact that the first 25 churches are Baptist Record churches and almost half of the second 25 before the first non-EVERY FAMILY church appears on the list. Twenty-two of the second 25; 24 of the third 22 of the fourth are Baptist Record Churches. It is significant that 93 of the 100 churches listed above are Baptist Record churches.

A little figuring also reveals the fact that the per capita gifts of the non-EVERY FAMILY churches in group two were \$3.32, while the per capita gifts of the EVERY FAMILY churches were \$4.35. Far more significant is the fact that in group 3 the EVERY FAMILY churches gave \$3.61 per member while the non-EVERY FAMILY churches gave \$1.07 per member.

The Baptist Record pays in dollars and cents!

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Rev. L. M. Bratcher writes asking that no more used Christmas Cards be sent to him. He writes that he already has received more than 40,000 and they are still coming. These were sent to him in response to his request that used Christmas Cards be sent for use in his Mission Field in Brazil.

Home Life for March contains a two-page article entitled, "A Lamp to Little Feet," by Mrs. Sybil Brame Townsend, a graduate of Blue Mountain College.



## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

### BOGUE CHITTO IS NUMBER 900

One of the latest additions to the great list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record is Bogue Chitto Church in Pike County. Rev. Cecil Randall is pastor and Henry Reeves is treasurer.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows: Bala Chitto, 21; Bogue Chitto, 51; Calvary, 51; Central, 16; East McComb, 312; Fernwood, 62; Friendship, 132; Holmesville, 35; Johnston Station, 34; McComb, First, 488; McComb, South Side, 85; Magnolia, 144; Mt. Zion, 61; Navilla, 1; Osyka, 79; Progress, 2; Silver Creek, 45; Silver Springs, 56; Summit, 106; Tangipahoa, 90; Terry's Creek, 74; Thompson, 17; and Union 39.

### JUPITER IS NUMBER 901

Rev. Henry Bucklew who recently became pastor of Jupiter Church in Simpson County lost no time in leading that good church in adopting the EVERY FAMILY PLAN of the Baptist Record. Having had experience with the EVERY FAMILY PLAN in other churches he knew its value. A list of 23 names which will be added to the four page subscription was sent by the treasurer, L. C. Waltman, Route 1, Braxton, Mississippi.

Simpson County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 11; Athens, 31; Beulah, 3; Braxton, 52; Coats, 10; D'Lo, 66; Dry Creek, 6; Fork, 45; Goodwater, 7; Harrisville, 54; Jupiter, 27; Macedonia, 52; Magee, 137; Mendenhall, 104; Mt. Zion, 97; New Hope, 40; New Zion, 2; Oak Grove, 3; Pine Grove, 23; Pinola, 60; Pleasant Hill, 47; Pleasant Valley, 37; Poplar Springs, 43; Shivers, 36; Siloam, 42; Spring Hill, 8; Stonewall, 31; Strong River, 32; Weathersby, 5; New Bethlehem, 8; Rose Hill, 24; and Kennedy Springs, 1.

### IUKA

It is a long ways from Jackson to Iuka but it was worth it. At the invitation of Pastor Jack J. Cranford I preached at Iuka on Sunday, February 29. To put it mildly I was astonished at several things but it was pleasant astonishment. The house was filled, every seat was taken.

The Young People's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Carlton Woodly, not only sang well but gave notice that they had outgrown the junior choir space and needed more room for more singers. The Sunday School had a near record attendance and the Superintendent, Professor M. A. Davis, is crying for more room. He says its more room or hang some of the smaller ones on nails.

The people are greatly pleased with Pastor and Mrs. Jack Cranford and are following their leadership.

Baptist Record readers in Tishomingo County are now listed as follows: Iuka 110; Belmon 2; Burnsville 24; Cross Roads 4; Dennis 1; East Port 1; Forest Grove 1; Highland 9; Mt. Moriah 18; New Liberty 38; New Prospect 3; N. Cross Roads 1; Oldham 2; Paden 25; Tishomingo 21; and Golden-Central 2.

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Resolutions urging the repeal of the Black Market Tax and the retention of the prohibition law have been received from the Calvary Baptist Church, Ellisville.

### PRAISES CLARKE COLLEGE

By Rev. J. H. Street, Pastor Second Avenue Church, Laurel

My first year in high school, at Myrtle, Miss., I worked out my board as house boy, nurse, caretaker and "general flunky" in the home of a Methodist preacher. This preacher was impressed with my depth of purpose and shallowness of knowledge. He knew a friend who was at that time president of a school that he thought would be the very thing for one as green and as poor and as determined as I was. He arranged for me to meet Rev. T. A. J. Beasley, president of Clarke College; and I was appointed as stove-wood carrier-in and bell-ringer for the College! For these services I was to receive \$10 per month to pay half of my expenses in school.

I reached Newton with an empty trunk, an empty head and an empty purse. Clarke took me in. Three years and several love affairs later, I left Clarke with credit for a high school course and one year in college.

I found there the companionship of others who, like myself, wanted desperately to get an education but had practically no financial means for doing so. I also found an unspoiled group of earnest Christians who had sensed God's purpose in their lives and were trying to prepare to carry out that purpose. It was this companionship with plain, hard working, sincere students, together with the influence of patient, self-sacrificing teachers and officers, that made my days at Clarke so rich and profitable.

I trust that Mississippi Baptists, under God, will provide the means for the strengthening of this great little college. It is little in size and simple in nature; but it is great in opportunities and ministry, especially to those who have "missed the bus" in the matter of early and thorough educational advantages. I trust that when 1948 passes into history, Clarke College will have received from the Baptists and other friends of the state at least \$350,000.00 for the buildings and equipment now so sorely needed.

Editor's Note: Rev. Street is the former State Brotherhood Secretary, and has served with distinction in the pastorate at Highland in Meridian, West Laurel, Durant, Hazelhurst and other places. Mrs. Street is the former Rosalind Shepherd, one of South Mississippi's most brilliant and charming musicians. They now live at Laurel. The judgment of men like this affords foundation for the high hopes that March 28 will bring in a generous cash offering for the school.

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### N. O. SEMINARY TEACHER BECOMES FURMAN DEAN

New Orleans. — Dr. Albert E. Tibbs, a member of the New Orleans Seminary and Tulane University faculties, has been named dean of Furman University at Greenville, S. C. effective June 1.

Dr. Tibbs, a native of South Carolina, attended Furman, the Princeton Theological Seminary and the Edinburgh and New Orleans Theological Seminaries and did graduate work at Louisiana State University of Zurich, Switzerland.

He has been on the New Orleans Seminary faculty since 1927, teaching theology and the New Testament, and heading the department of religious education. He served as an instructor in psychology at Tulane University. He is also the author of several religious works.

Dr. and Mrs. Tibbs have three children.

### NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY TO OBSERVE HOMECOMING WEEK

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will observe annual Homecoming exercises during the week of March 8-12. The feature of the meeting will be the Layne Foundation and Tharpe lectures which are scheduled to begin on the evening of March 9.

Speakers for the week include the following: R. G. LeTurneau, prominent business man and layman; Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Dr. Garland Taylor, Librarian, Howard-Tilton Library, Tulane University; Lowry B. Eastland, chairman Board of Trustees and prominent Baton Rouge business man; Miss Francis Barbour, student department, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Hannah Reynolds, executive secretary, Louisiana W. M. U.; Hines Sims, Music department, Nashville, Tennessee and E. O. Sellers, professor emeritus, New Orleans Seminary.

The meetings will open on Tuesday morning March 9 at the Report Hour. Fred C. Schatz will be in charge and Miss Hannah Reynolds will deliver an

address on Missions.

Conferences on W. M. U., Music and B. S. U. work will be held Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 p. m. Mr. Plunkett Martin will be in charge of special music and the sessions will be presided over by President Leavell and various faculty members.

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Sunday, February 29, was Go To Church Day in the Centerville Church. The people came in large numbers both morning and evening. The records of enrollment in both Sunday School and Training Union were broken and the attendance equal to any in the history of the church. They filled the auditorium for the morning worship and almost equally as well for the evening service. They gave of their tithes and offerings to the amount of \$936.89. Pastor A. A. Ward and people are very happy over the successes of this day.

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The Junior Department of Parkway church, Jackson will have a B. T. U. study course Saturday, March 6, 9:30 a. m. to 2:30, taught by Mrs. C. E. Murphy. Mrs. E. L. Clark is the director.

## Clarke College Campaign Happenings

We hold in our hand twenty-one letters that came to our attention this week. In these letters from as many different persons, we have the story of twenty-one planned associational meetings with a Clarke College Campaign emphasis.

The Brotherhood of Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, Rev. W. L. Compere, pastor, gave a dinner to a large number of leaders from Hinds Association. Clarke College was talked in a big way.

Brother I. F. Metts, Ackerman, informs us that the pastors of that association have been written and literature distributed.

Dr. Fred B. Moseley, Lucedale, tells us that Dr. W. E. Greene and Dr. Eugene Farr are to visit the church of their association, February 22. We know the campaign will be well presented there.

Brother S. L. Stringer, a fine layman, tells us about a Jasper County meeting February 19. Brother E. C. Williams was there and reports a very fine meeting.

Dr. J. C. Murphy, Hattiesburg, sends the good word that the Clarke College offering will be the topic among the pastors at the next meeting of the Lebanon Association. A personal letter is being written each pastor inviting him to bring a good deacon to the meeting. Brother Murphy adds, "God used Clarke to bring me closer to Himself and then called me to preach. Had it not been for this school I wonder if I would be preaching today."

Pastor James Fairchild, Collins, writes that an initial meeting was held in the interest of the Clarke College Campaign, January 30. Professor Troy Prince was the speaker. So much interest was felt a larger meeting was then planned for March 4.

Pastor Joe Abrams, Shuqualak, writes their associational organization is closely-knit and that "Noxubee will do the right thing toward the campaign."

We had already heard about a big Neshoba County Clarke College Campaign meeting at Philadelphia but Brother Kenneth G. Hall writes further regarding it. They are having a campaign committee in each church in the association.

Pastor A. A. Ward, Centerville, writes that the pastors of the Association have already met in a discussion of the campaign. The spirit was splendid. On March 14 someone from Clarke College will speak in every church of the association. It is expected that an offering will be taken in every church in March.

Pastor A. L. Gatewood, Itta Bena, writes that Tuesday night, March 2, was the Leflore County date set for considering the Clarke College Campaign. They are getting a good response.

Pastor Rowe Holcomb, Kosciusko, writes that the Attala County attendance was reduced by snow but good plans for personal visits were made and the Associational Training Union meeting, March 7, gives it a place on the program.

Pastor David T. Cranford, Indianola, sent all the pastors a supper invitation for February 16. Dr. Greene was present. We expected this to be a good meeting.

Pastor Otis Perry, Leakesville, writes that the Clarke College campaign has been discussed at two Greene Association meetings. The county has been divided into five districts with a pastor in charge in each district for promoting the interest of the campaign.

Pastor W. L. Warren, State Line, writes that the Clarke Campaign has been discussed at a meeting of resident pastors and hearty approval was given the campaign. Another meeting is to be held later.

Pastor Jack Cranford, Iuka, states that good publicity has been given the Clarke College Campaign, and the matter discussed at a monthly workers council. One member has been selected from each church as the Clarke College Campaign county committee member. March 28 has been marked as the big day for the offering. A letter will be sent to Associational leaders just before March 28.

Pastor Gordon Sahsing, Booneville, states that the sleet and snow interfered with the first meeting so then a similar meeting was set for March. He states, "We believe in Clarke and delight in having a part in the promotion of such a worthy program."

Pastor John Ira Hill, Union, writes that a big Clarke College Campaign meeting is being held March 19 in Adams-Franklin Association at Bude. Dr. W. E. Greene and others will be present for the meeting.

Pastor C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen, says that Dr. W. E. Greene on Sunday, March 7, will speak to pastors and laymen of Monroe Association. Letters of invitation are being mailed out.

Pastor Quenton Floyd, Raleigh, sends us a copy of a letter inviting the pastor and two additional members from each church in Smith County Association to a supper meeting, Friday night, February 20. Dean Troy Mohon of Clarke College was the speaker.

Pastor Jimmy Street, Laurel, had already written us that the Clarke College Campaign would be a main topic at their Brotherhood meeting. Pastor H. J. Rushing, Laurel, informs us that he is writing a letter just before Easter Sunday to every family in his church urging an offering.

Mr. Auber J. Wilds tells us that letters have been written to all church leaders in Lafayette County and a meeting held February 14 making plans for the offering March 28.

That is the spirit of victory! That is the spirit of the people of Christ! That is the Mississippi Baptist spirit that has sent us on from victory to victory! It would be a tremendous testimony for Christ and his people if Mississippi Baptists brought to the house of the Lord the full amount, \$350,000, for Clarke College on Sunday, March 28.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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MRS. WILL S. McCRAW

Mrs. Will S. McCraw, Superintendent of Extension Department Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will attend our Mississippi Sunday School Convention at Meridian, Marh 9-19, and direct conferences on this work.

Our Extension workers will certainly have a great treat awaiting them in Mrs. McCraw's conferences.

### EXTENSION WORK NEEDED

The Extension Department of a Sunday school is for those who cannot attend the Sunday sessions. There are many such ones, and they need the helpful ministry of the Sunday school as well as others.

Therefore, much emphasis is being given in 1948 to the matter of organizing Extension departments in schools that do not have them. Free material on this work may be secured from either the Jackson or Nashville office.

Why not organize such a department in your school this year and be able to say to your people who cannot attend on Sunday, "We have a place for you in our school."

### APRIL EMPHASIS IS EVANGELISM

The Sunday school Training emphasis for April this year is Evangelism. These three books are being promoted: SOUL-WINNING DOCTRINES, HOW TO WIN TO CHRIST, THE PLACE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN EVANGELISM.

Start now and plan for your April class in Evangelism.

Tinsley Church, Yazoo County began a revival on February 27. Mrs. W. T. Young, church clerk, writes that Rev. W. J. Hemby of Mississippi College will be the evangelist. The new pastor, Rev. Bill Smith has outlined a full program of work for 1948. Clarke College Day will be observed on March 28.

**TOWARD THE SUNRISING** by Dr. Henry Alford Porter (\$1.50) provides a thrilling experience in reading this book of some of the choicest sermons of the late Dr. Porter. There is music and magic in the very titles he chooses for his messages — "Roses Will Bloom Again," "The Whisper of God," "Journeying Toward the Sunrising," and fourteen other sermons. Every message is a jewel, a gem of pulpit oratory, a work of art, "a thing of beauty, and a joy forever." The title of the book is suggested by the last sermon he ever preached, "Journeying Toward the Sunrising," preached while supplying during my absence — Dr. Allen Graves, Pastor First Church, Charlottesville, Va.

A nice list of new and renewal subscriptions recently came from 2nd Church of Kosciusko. The sender was Ben F. Odom.



MR. LUTHER A. HARRISON

Mr. Luther A. Harrison, State Music Director, will direct the music at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Meridian, March 9-10.

Mr. Harrison is an excellent leader of music, and those who attend will be delighted with his splendid service. He is doing a great work in the music field in our state.

### THE LAST CALL

This is the last call for our Mississippi Sunday School Convention, which meets in Meridian next week, March 9-10.

The program begins at 10:00 o'clock on Tuesday morning, March 9, and closes with Wednesday evening's session.

We have a great program planned, with much valuable help awaiting all who attend. Free lodging is provided by the good people of Meridian for any who desire it. For this service, write to Miss Elizabeth Parke, Box 508, Meridian, Miss.

Sunday school leaders, don't miss this rare opportunity. Plan conveyance for your workers and all who can attend, for as much of the time as possible.

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The N. E. Central Pastors' Conference will meet at Mathiston March 8 at 10 a. m. Among those of the program are Rev. A. E. Lucas, Dr. D. A. McCall, Rev. S. E. Byler, Rev. E. R. Henderson, and Rev. J. F. Metts.



## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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### POTPOURRI

... "We had approximately 850 at the opening of the Student Center. It was the biggest blow-out every witnessed on Mississippi College's campus," writes O. L. Malone... Six BSUs at Sunflower Jr. presented an original pantomime, "The Stairway to the Cross," at a recent Vespers on the campus, and at the invitation of the Moorhead Church, repeated the performance at an evening service. Pastor O. P. Moore taught Planning a Life during "Dedicated Vocations Week." Morning Watch theme for the month was "The Fine Art of Living"... New Mexico Baptists are spending \$100,000 on two Student Centers. They have about 1,000 Baptist Students in their state; we have about 8,000... The Ole Miss class at First Church, Oxford, is now meeting in the City Hall... Recent peregrinations have taken me to Hinds Jr., Co-Lin Jr., Miss. Southern, Woman's College, and Jones Jr., where I have enjoyed the fellowship with the students and student leaders Lurline Stewart, Jean Furr, Riley Munday, Powell Ogletree, Maudine Thrash, Kathleen Taylor, Louise Waddell, Mary Tom Berry, Melvin Jones, and many others...

At this writing, the dates for five Youth Revivals have been set, and twenty Youth Revivalists have qualified for the work this summer. Many more churches have written that they will set a date for theirs soon, and indications are that about a hundred students will volunteer for this great Crusade. Pray for this whole effort, please... "Let Go and Let God" is the theme for our State Re-

treat for BSU Officers at Woman's College, April 23-24... A teacher in one of our Jr. colleges writes of its President: "I do wish he would see the value of a full-time Student Secretary here"... Bill Watson former State BSU President, was elected President, and Riley Munday, Miss. Southern, Vice-President, of the Religious Education Ass'n which I was privileged to attend at Woman's College recently. Also, greatly enjoyed being recently with the Millsaps BSUs who are hoping and praying for a Student Secretary in Jackson...

At Sunflower Jr. I was privileged to meet with Student Sec'y Carla Allbritton and her students in their Council meeting, and at Holmes Jr. I enjoyed talking with some BSUs and their sponsor, Miss Emmie Lou Wells, as well as with Mrs. Zilpha Mansell, director of religious activities. They want a Student Sec'y. Then a little later, I thoroughly appreciated talking with President L. M. McCoy, of Rust College, who for 24 years has guided that great Negro institution and who is definitely a credit not only to the Negro race but to the whole human race. Dr. McCoy told me that their new Administration Bldg., which is costing \$326,000, will be entirely paid for when it is finished within the next few months. On this same trip, I had again the joyous privilege of visiting Helen Bolt and her Blue Mountaineers at their Council meeting and Noonday Prayer Meeting. Blue Mountain remains the same truly great institution as always. President Lowrey was his usual gracious self...

## Ben Seitz Accepts Lauderdale Post

Rev. Ben Seitz has resigned as BSU Secretary and Associate Pastor of the First Church, Starkville, in order to accept the position as Associational Director of Education and Training in Lauderdale County. He succeeds Rev. Martin J. Gilbert who recently resigned as Associational Missionary

in order to accept a pastorate in Alabama. Mr. Seitz' work embraces more activity than that formerly done by the associational missionary.

Mr. Seitz is a native of McComb, a graduate of Mississippi College and the Seminary at Louisville. He is married and they have an infant baby. Mrs. Seitz is a graduate of Georgetown College and the WMU Training School at Louisville.

## Hamilton Street Chapel Dedicated At Brookhaven



Hamilton Street Chapel, a mission of First Church, Brookhaven, was dedicated February 22. Services were in charge of Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, Associate Pastor of the First Church and Director of the City Mission Program. Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the

First Church, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

This work was started by the First Church in July 1947. There are now 91 members. Approximately one third of these came by baptism.

First Church, Brookhaven has a



well-planned mission program which will result in several other churches in Brookhaven.

Pictured above at the left is the new building and a part of the congregation present at the dedication. At the right is shown the Sunday School group in the auditorium.



# -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

## COMMUNITY MISSIONS EMPHASIS

The State Community Missions Chairman, Mrs. W. A. Stockton gives these helpful suggestions for our special emphasis:

1. Emphasize establishment of family altars and enlisting each W.M.U. member to follow "Sampey Plan of Bible Reading" suggested by South-wide W.M.U. (Order leaflet and book marks giving instructions from state W.M.U. office. These are 5c per set.)

2. Stress cottage prayer meetings and special visitation for evangelistic results in own community. Pray also for World Wide spiritual revival.

3. Undertake some work of interracial nature, make survey of needs among Negroes or foreigners in your midst. Work out some acceptable plan to meet some of these needs—train leaders, teach S. S. class, story hour for children. Have conference with leaders and help to train their leaders. "HOW" is the name of their manual, it is 50c and can be obtained through our State W.M.U. Office. Make plans with the Negro women in your community to use Lillian Rose, our state Negro woman field worker (her engagements are made through our State W.M.U. Office.)

## STEWARDSHIP FUNDAMENTAL

The year of 1948 has come in on a note of confusion and uncertainty and the music of the year seems to be set to a minor key. Hunger and cold still stalk through vast areas of our war-devastated countries. Fear and mistrust are eating at the hearts of many more whose lack is not so much material as spiritual. In such a world it is good to remind ourselves that "Religion is a citadel of hope built on the edge of despair." We are advised to "build the citadel so well that the voices of despair are lost in the music of the building." We build such a citadel with love and compassion and understanding. But human beings, compounded of flesh and spirit, require material expression of these feelings for them to become vital. Hungry children must have real bread. Warm garments are necessary to shut out the cold. Hospitals and medical supplies are concrete evidence of devotion, a means to an end, the establishment of places of refuge, citadels of hope, for all those who now walk in the shadows of despair. Acknowledged stewardship, through tithes and offerings, provides the material for such building.

## ENROLLMENT AT W. M. U. TRAINING SCHOOL

Judging by past experience, I know that our constituency can be interested in the routine information about the School. For instance, those who are statistically-minded will be interested to know that our total enrollment for this year is 203 (114 boarding and 89 day students), whereas a year ago it was 214 (135 boarding and 79 day students).

### Twenty-Three States Represented

Those who are state-minded — and most of us are — will be interested to know where these students come from. Among the boarding students, nineteen come from North Carolina, fourteen from Georgia, twelve from South Carolina, eleven from Alabama, nine from Kentucky, eight each from Mis-

souri and Virginia, seven from Tennessee, six from Mississippi, three each from Florida and Louisiana, two each from Arkansas, District of Columbia, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Hawaii, and one each from California, Maryland, New Mexico, and Texas. Among the day students, twenty come from Kentucky, nine from Georgia, eight from Alabama, seven each from Mississippi and North Carolina, five each from Missouri and South Carolina, four from Virginia, three each from Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas, two each from California, Florida, and Illinois, and one each from Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, West Virginia, and Costa Rica.

Those who are missionary-minded (and who isn't?) will be grateful to know that at the beginning of the session forty-five of the boarding students (39%) expressed a definite interest in mission work, thirty-seven in foreign and eight in home. About twelve of this number are asking for appointment this year. Some of these inevitably will fail to pass the Board's high standards.

Those who are survey-minded could get enthusiastic over the placements of last year's seventy-one graduates: fifteen to mission work, five of whom received foreign appointments; four to W. M. U. work; six to church work; two to Bible teaching in public schools; one each to a teaching position in a Baptist junior college, a student secretarial position, Training Union at Nashville headquarters, and a staff position in a children's home. Two are working in Baptist Book Stores. Outside the definitely religious field, three are teaching in public schools and one is a hospital staff nurse. Four are continuing their studies in other schools. The seventeen Seminary wives and the eleven who have married since last May represent placements for which the School takes no direct responsibility in the areas of the home, the church, and the community.

Let us continue to be enthusiastic about leading our girls and young women to dedicate their lives to the missionary enterprise. Let us counsel with them so wisely that they will be enthusiastic about every step of important preparation: basic education, practical experience, and final religious training. Such directed enthusiasm will insure good dividends on the large investment we are making in the Training School.

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First Church, Pass Christian, Rev. W. S. Allen, Pastor, is not only missionary in Pass Christian but in regions beyond. The church has two missions, Kiln and Pineville. A recent issue of the Bulletin states that at Kiln the new building is going up and soon will be used for services. At Pineville the Sunday School meets every Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frede Franke, who have given a building lot.

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The Methodist Church now operates 71 hospitals, 46 children's homes, and 55 homes for the aged. Methodist hospitals ministered to a million sick persons in 1947, and 5,373 boys and girls are provided for in the homes for children.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

February 29, 1948

	SS	BTU
Jackson, Parkway	642	221
Jackson, Southside	214	84
Jackson, Van Winkle	328	180
Jackson, First	1351	502
Jackson, Calvary	1348	315
Jackson, Calvary including Stone Street Mission	1394	360
Jackson, Northside	358	100
New Albany	527	204
Crystal Springs	896	171
Grenada, First	538	112
Laurel, Second Avenue	497	148
Laurel, First	561	157
Laurel, West	432	104
Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue	503	137
Byram, Hinds	101	64
Columbia, First	920	261
Magee	421	98
Hattiesburg, Main Street	795	335
Friendship, Pike County	154	115
Oak Grove, Calhoun County	105	39
Houlka, Chickasaw County	92	30
Wellmon, Lincoln County	58	87
Centerville	193	72
Myrich, Jones County	111	93
Cross Roads, Webster County	85	33
Monta Vista, Webster County	46	24
Laurel, South	106	66
Zion, Pontotoc County	78	26
Pascagoula, First	611	161
Chalybeate	68	35
Okah, Marion County	59	70
Center, Union	108	48
Durant	215	56
Gulfport, First	613	148
Chester	41	
O'Fullopia, Yalobusha County	57	
Wallerville	71	28
Calhoun, First	189	38
Booneville, First	267	105
Harrisburg, Lee County	300	115
Lucedale	268	110
Calvary, Pike County	63	89
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	53	46
Antioch, Lawrence County	56	26
Brooklyn	107	84
Laurel, Beacon	244	100
Jackson, Davis Memorial	285	75
February 22, 1948		
Hattiesburg, Main Street	662	308
Laurel, Beacon Street	305	91
Laurel, South	90	54
Crystal Springs	65	33
Durant	148	69
Chester, Choctaw County	34	
Soso	60	42
Calvary, Pike County	63	78
Friendship, Pike County	116	66
Monta Vista, Webster County	40	
Wellman, Lincoln County	64	48
West Corinth	153	97

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The Virginia legislature has defeated a bill making lotteries legal for patriotic, fraternal and religious groups.

## A Reader Writes

DEAR EDITOR:

I notice that the lower House of the legislature has voted to legalize Sunday movies. Are the movies that important? The morals of our state are already at a distressingly low ebb, due in many respects to sabbath desecration and bad pictures. I have a book of statistical facts in which it is stated that the most of the delinquents among our young people attribute the beginning of their downfall to suggestive pictures. This book also states that this highly commercialized business of entertainment is not only demoralizing our youth, but spreading Communistic propaganda that is hurtful to our American way of life. Can not our people see enough of that in six days and nights of the week without taking the Lord's day for it? Would it not be wiser to pass a law prohibiting the showing of certain types of pictures on any day, instead of legalizing them on Sunday? Have we become lovers of this type of pleasure more than lovers of God and his holy sabbath-day?

The surest sign of moral decay and a moral breakdown is to try to destroy that which is Holy. For even touching or misusing that which is holy there is no mercy. Judgement is inevitable and sure. God kept Israel in Babylonian captivity long enough for Palestine to enjoy her weeks and months, and years of Sabbaths that Israel had violated. In defying that which is Holy we are inviting the wrath of God.

There are some things and places that are Holy. If we are interested in a Christian civilization, and the future welfare of our state we had better keep, that which God has made Holy, sacred. The more we encroach upon that which is Holy and sacred, the closer we are to internal destruction, and disintegration. Let us retain some Holy things and institutions whether we are Holy or not.

The Sabbath is not just another day, it is a holy day. It has been sanctified or set apart by a Holy God for a Holy purpose. It was not sanctified for recreation or entertainment, but for rest and worship. It should not be used for unnecessary things. As I see it we need two Sabbaths a week to bring us back morally, where we ought to be, let us at least respect and keep the one that we have. — Chas. O. Jones.

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M. A. Huggins, state mission secretary of North Carolina, was elected president of the Baptist state secretaries organization in their meeting at Miami last week. John Maguire, Florida, is vice president, and Willis Ray, Arizona, is secretary.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

### AN APPRECIATION

Desiring to express their appreciation of one who was a former member of this Board, the trustees of Blue Mountain College come today to bring their alabaster boxes of sympathy and affection, of love and tenderness, to anoint the beautiful life of Mrs. Emma Fair Armstrong, who went to be with the Father at her home in Louisville, Mississippi, on December 7, 1947.

And herein is the beauty of a sanctified life; it is ever like unto the broken alabaster box radiating a holy fragrance.

She was cheerful; she preserved high ideals; she was modest, earnest and true; she was kind and considerate; she was just, helpful, and loving; "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Yea, this is to walk in the way.

Words are inadequate to give expression to the deep sense of loss and sorrow caused by her passing. It is difficult to express our thoughts of her many lovely characteristics. We speak her name lovingly, and cherish the memory of our association with her. We are grateful for the beauty of her friendship, and for the traits and lessons of her wonderful life. Her splendid virtues are worthy of emulation.

Her passing brought sorrow to the faculty and students. Her impress is upon many things on the campus. Others in days to come will know that one at sometime passed this way who was alive with the love of God, of nature, and of humanity.

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed through the shadows of death to the sunlight above; A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

She has left her memorial, for in her daily walk she made the world lovelier and ourselves nobler. She lies under the roses in the peaceful cemetery in Louisville, and, as the rose has a fragrance so did the life of Emma Fair Armstrong. Her memory is a benediction.

The sun shines through the rifts in the clouds; from the magnolia a mocking bird trills his evening lay — a fitting close to a great life.

—MRS. IRIS RICHIEY CARPENTER



## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



MEET THE MORGANS

We want you to meet the Morgans. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morgan, and Joy Durham, their charming daughter. Mr. Morgan began work with the Training Union Department Monday of this week, and is serving as the visitor in a church to church visitation program in Hinds Co. You read the announcement two weeks ago about Mr. Morgan's acceptance of this position with us. He comes well qualified to render top service in the field of Religious Education, having specialized in Training Union work. Mr. Morgan worked with us in special summer work a few years ago, and now comes to give full time and interest in this "major" in Baptist life. Already he is booked for most of the year.

### ROCKY CREEK GEORGE CO. JOINS THE 200 CLUB

Through apparent error the name of Rocky Creek Church, George County, was left off the list of 200 churches that received more than 200 study course awards in 1947. We are always glad when a pastor or director's interest is keen enough to call our hand on any mistake we make, and so are here glad to say that Rocky Creek had two good study courses during the year, one in March when 106 awards were merited and one in December when 113 qualified for awards thus making a total of 219 for the year.

### MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE STUDENTS STUDY BUILDING A CHURCH TRAINING PROGRAM

Professor Norman O'Neal of the Department of Bible and Religious Education at Mississippi College is doing a good job of giving the students who attend his classes a thorough knowledge of Baptist organized life. This term, in one of the classes, he is teaching one of the administration books for Training Union, Building A Church Training Program. It was the pleasure of your State Training Union Secretary to talk to this class one morning last week. It was a pleasant experience. The interest was keen and the response gratifying.

### SHUQUALAK REPORTS FIRST YOUTH WEEK FOR 1948

Sponsored by the Training Union, the Shuqualak Church held a most successful Youth Week the week of Feb. 1-6. "Youth Week" began Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour and continued through Friday night, with the young people carrying out all activities and services. A full week's

program was planned and executed by the young people themselves, climaxed with a Youth Week Banquet Friday night, with the Rev. Billy Watson, Educational Director of the First Church in Louisville as the speaker. The general church officers for Youth Week were: Pastor, James Elliott; Sunday School Supt., John Prince; Training Union Director, Charles Thomas; W. M. S. President, Betty Jane Thornell; Choir Director, Annie Matt Whitfield; organist, Nell Davis; Clerk, Carlie Elliott; Treasurer, Gerald Hill; Bldg. Fund Treasurer, Robert Sarle Whitfield; chairman of deacons, J. T. Burrage; chairman of ushers, James Hugh Coombs. Other young people filled all the regular places in the organizations of the church. "Christ Above All" was the theme for the week. A Youth Week Committee was appointed several weeks in advance, meeting several times to make and execute all the Youth Week plans.

The week of February 15-21 proved to be one of our best this year. The weather, except for Saturday night, was perfect and our workers in five associations report good attendance and a good spirit manifested on the part of all. Workers were in George, Greene, Wayne, Perry, and Lebanon. BIGGER unions and BETTER unions is the emphasis. Our leaders are underwriting this two fold program of progress and you may well watch the resulting records.

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### PORTER MOVES ON FIELD

Heuck's Retreat, near Brookhaven, has given Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Porter a warm welcome since they moved on the field on February 18, from Clinton. The Heuck's Baptist members recently completed a modern pastorium providing every feature to add to the comfort of their pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Porter and their two attractive little daughters, Betty Jane and Mary Lynn are loved by the entire community which has showered them with gifts for the home and the pantry. At Christmas a delightful surprise added to the pleasure of the pastor's family.

Still serving O'Zion and Sarepta churches, Meadville, Miss., for half time work, an active program is outlined for each church, including a Vacation Bible School and a revival within the coming months. At O'Zion, July 11-16, Rev. Lewis Rhodes of Mt. Pleasant church in Lincoln county will help. At Heuck's Retreat, July 18-23, Rev. L. E. Burnette of Lexington will assist. At Sarepta, July 25-30, Rev. Thurman Booth of Terry will be the visiting preacher.

The new pastor at Heuck's Retreat was formerly pastor in McComb and Fernwood, and assisted in the music program of the state Baptists last summer, being a talented musician as well as outstanding preacher.

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Honest Sunday was observed at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, February 15, with splendid results, according to Rev. Wayne Todd; Pastor. Highlights of the occasion were a Sunday School attendance of 309, (enrollment, 415), a Training Union attendance of 135, (enrollment 157), and tithes and offerings amounting to \$863.13. The services climaxed a month of special emphasis on stewardship by the pastor and church leaders.

## Sparks & Splinters

After several months all Neshobee churches have pastors and all pastors are residents of the county except one.

There is a field of work in Copiah County composed of two one-half time churches; Pine Bluff and Carpenter, which is in need of a pastor to live on the field. We have a new modern pastor's home with all of the conveniences. The churches are 11 miles apart. Anyone interested in this work should write Mrs. Floyd Channell, Route 1, Carpenter, Mississippi.

Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, conducted a six-day Bible conference last month at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church (Rev. M. Jackson White, pastor), Richmond, Virginia. The Book of Ephesians was studied, and there was an average attendance of 230.

Candidates from Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Alabama were in Clinton last week where they took the National Teacher Examinations which were prepared by the American Council on Education. The examinations were conducted by Mississippi College, the only institution in Mississippi administering these examinations. The local examiner was Dr. Guy C. Mitchell, Professor of Education and Psychology. The following took the examination: Charles H. Anderson, New Orleans; Claude L. Campbell, Wesson; Miss Katherine Davis, Wesson; Mrs. Joe Denman, Charleston; Miss Mary Eudy, Cleveland; Miss Clariece Graham, Decatur; Maurice F. Herring, Raymond; Miss Belle McDonald, Terry; Miss Velma McDonald, Terry; Miss Nedelyn Miller, Clinton; Miss Betty Renshaw, Memphis; Mrs. Gertrude Rowzee, Raymond; Mrs. Virginia Schlichting, Cullomburg, Alabama; Mrs. Betty Shanahan, Jackson; Miss Lurline Stewart, Raymond; Miss Margaret Wheat, Kosciusko; Miss Betty Jane Zachry, Lena.

The Pattison Baptist church in Claiborne county was the scene of a youth rally recently at which Rev. Harold Jordan of Jackson preached. There were 12 professions of faith among the "teen agers" and 20 rededications. Young people from the entire section attended. Assisting on the program were Miss Alene Johnson of the Baptist Training Union state office, and Mrs. Jordan, who gave brief testimonies and a special musical number. Rev. Carl Jackson presided. Miss Rachel Smith, daughter of Pastor A. R. Smith of the Hernandale Baptist church also assisted in the special music. Rev. E. V. Reneer of Clinton is pastor of the Pattison Baptist church. At an after-service for the new converts and others making decisions, the visiting minister gave some practical helps for young Christians in growing strong spiritual lives.

Knox Church, Walthall County, through Eckle Fortenberry, church clerk, recently sent a renewal list of 24 and added 11 new names, thus making the total number of subscribers 35. Rev. A. B. Hatfield, Clarke College student, is pastor.

Rev. W. D. Ellinburg of Vaiden, Mississippi recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from his field of churches.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. —(ENS)—Transportation of parochial school students in Oklahoma public school buses is illegal, State Attorney General Mac Q. Williamson ruled here.

"The public schools should not operate in a manner which results in Sunday obligations for teams, bands, coaches, school officials, local students, and patrons," the New Hampshire state Board of Education has ruled.

Northern Baptists report 1,541,991 members for 1947 as compared with 1,592,349 in 1946. The Northern Baptists reported 57,286 baptisms, and Sunday school enrollment of 902,497, a slight loss from 1946.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Feb. 10 —The March number of the Window of Y. W. A. has a feature article about Miss Gladys Keith, superintendent of the River Front Missions in New Orleans, written by Betty Ray Johnson, which is profusely illustrated and takes up over two pages. Miss Keith is an alumna of Blue Mountain College. Also in the same number of the Window there appear two suggested programs by Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, a member of the college faculty, entitled "The Ideal Home-Maker" and "The Little World of Home."

Dr. William Culbertson a former bishop of the New York and Philadelphia Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church has been named the new president of Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Culbertson has been acting president since the death of Dr. Will H. Houghton in June last year. He came to the Institute in 1942 as dean of education.

Rev. O. C. Chance, Pastor of New Zion Church, Walthall County, continues his support of the Baptist Record. He recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

Mrs. Roman Ellett, Clerk of Corinth Church, Tallahatchie County, writes that the church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. She enclosed a list of 10 names and a check to cover. This list aided the Baptist Record in reaching the 60,000 mark in circulation.

Mississippians will be interested to know that the First Church of Monroeville, Georgia dedicated a new Educational Building on February 15. State Mission Secretary, A. H. Reed, says that Pastor Polk is leading in a great way. Mr. Polk will be remembered as a former pastor at Port Gibson.

Writing in the ALABAMA BAPTIST State Secretary A. H. Reed has the following to say concerning Dr. W. W. Izard, native Mississippian and former pastor at Pelehatchie: "Sunday evening, February 15, I assisted Dr. W. W. Izard and the Forest Park Church in Montgomery in the ordination of five new deacons. This new church continues to show phenomenal growth. It is only fifteen months old and now has a membership of 360 and Sunday School attendance of more than 200. Its weekly receipts are now exceeding \$500."

R. D. Herrin, Church Clerk, recently sent a nice list of renewals from Liverpool Church, Yazoo County.

Rev. A. E. Lucas of Columbus recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Providence Church, Chickasaw County. This list helped the Baptist Record over the 61,000 mark.

The January number of the Baptist Student contains a picture of Cynthia J. O. Hall, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1942 and who was a member of the Focus Week team for Howard College, seated with the other team members.

World Comrades for February contains an article by Arlena Smith Hasel, who graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1945 and is now in the W. M. U. Training School this year, which is entitled "Tell Me A Story."

The following have been elected as officers of the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference: Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, President; Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Vice-president; Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, Secretary.

OLYMPIA, Wash. —(ENS)—Attorney General Smith Troy declared in an opinion here that a church-conducted survey of religious interest and affiliation may not take place in the schools, because it would violate the state constitution. The Bremerton Ministerial Association had requested permission to poll students to ascertain their church preferences and help them receive the benefit of some religious training and experience.

Dewitt Parker never does things by halves. Recently he sent a check for \$48.43 which pays the small balance due the Baptist Record for 1947 and the entire amount for 1948. The church is County Line, Attala County.





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### CONVENTION SPEAKER



LAWSON H. COOKE

Lawson H. Cooke, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Memphis, Tennessee is to be one of the featured speakers at the Brotherhood Convention, April 1-2, First Church, Jackson. Mr. Cooke

is to speak Friday evening, April 2, at 7:50.

### CHURCHES SHOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES

It would be a fine thing if every church in the state, whether they have a Brotherhood or not, would send one or more representatives to the state Brotherhood convention. Surely you would want your pastor to come along with those representatives. Several Brotherhoods have indicated that they expect to send their pastor and at least some if not all of the officers, and let the Brotherhood take care of the expenses. It would be money well spent.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

For those of you who plan to stay over night for the Brotherhood Convention, April 1-2 you should make your reservations immediately. Hotels are crowded everywhere now, but if your request could get in this far in advance you will probably be able to secure adequate accommodations. Please make your reservations direct to the hotels.



## Department of Church Music

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MISS BETTY RUTH RILEY

Miss Betty Ruth Riley is one of our Summer Field Workers. She is a resident of New Hebron, Mississippi, having been public school music teacher there and director of the choir of the First Baptist Church, also. She is scheduled already through June and July.

Schedule your school now!

### TRAINED LEADERS—A NECESSITY

All of us realize that trained teachers do a more acceptable work than those who have had no training. An engineer or a technician must go through a long period of training before being able to handle the controls or take charge of a staff of workers.

Several phases of our State program has 'trained music leaders' as its objective. They are:

1. County wide schools of music.
2. Church schools of music taught by summer field workers.

3. State Music Leadership Clinic, August 1-6, 1948.

4. Our church music training course.

5. Ridgecrest Music week, August 19-29, 1948.

Every choir director should know how to do the following:

1. Beat time and lead congregational singing.
2. Read music.
3. Arrange a choir.
4. Build a music program.
5. Lead the church to appreciate good music.
6. Use people.

Every pianist should know how to:

1. Play an acceptable introduction to a song.
2. Play an accompaniment for congregational singing.
3. Follow the director.
4. Plan a good music program.
5. Teach others to play.
6. Promote good music.

Every choir director and each pianist in the State can learn far more than the above at the State Music Leadership Clinic, August 1-6, 1948.

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The Baptist Pastors of Tishomingo County met on February 23 for the purpose of organizing a Tishomingo Ministerial Association. Rev. Jack J. Cranford, pastor of the Luka Baptist Church, was elected president, Rev. W. C. Hamilton, vice-president, and Rev. E. E. Neill, the county missionary, was elected clerk. The Clarke College Enlargement Program was discussed and every pastor pledged himself to support it wholeheartedly. Daily Vacation Bible Schools was also a topic of discussion. The next meeting will be held on Monday after the first Sunday in March and on that same Monday each month.

## N. O. RELIEF CENTER MOVES TO NEW LOCATION Urges Continued Shipments

NEW ORLEANS — In order to serve more efficiently the many thousands of Southern Baptists who are sending regular contributions through the Southern Baptist Relief Center for shipment overseas the warehouse has been moved to larger quarters at 718 Richar Street, New Orleans 13, La., it was announced by Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, Director.

Southern Baptists are urged to continue sending relief goods to New Orleans for shipment overseas because the need will not be met for several months yet and possibly a year or two. Many associations are sponsoring giant drives during the spring season, are setting up permanent relief committees on both the church and associational levels and are planning to send at least one shipment to New Orleans each month until the need is met both in Europe and Asia.

Shipping labels, tags, etc. bearing the old address on Esplanade Avenue may still be used for the time being as the post office department, Railway Express and motor freight lines have been informed of the change.

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Dr. Louie D. Newton has announced that he will follow the tradition set by Dr. Truett, Sampey, and Neff, and will not permit his name to be placed in nomination for re-election as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT by R. V. G. Tasker (\$2) sets forth the idea that the main theme of the Bible is the covenant-relationship between God and man, a relationship which was initiated by God for the reconciliation of sinful man to himself. He shows that the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old become manifest in the New. Order from the Westminster Press, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa., or from the Baptist Book Store.

Whiter O World by James Henderson Thomas (\$2) This book gives to the reader a concise presentation of the moral, spiritual, social, and political trends of the modern world, as well as his own spiritual revelation of the worlds future, dealing especially with the future of the U. N. O., Soviet Russia, Israel, The Church, Catholic System, Future Social Order, World War No. 3, and the second Coming of Christ. Order from The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., or the Baptist Book Store.

A Light On A Hill by Miss Robbie Sumral, (\$2.50) is an illustrated history of Blue Mountain College and shows evidence of tedious, pains-taking effort. The authoress is an alumna, former teacher, and life-long observer of the growth of Blue Mountain. It is a history that is gripping and fascinating; racy in style and reveals in its content of how the Lowrey and Berry families, assisted by others called to their side, have combined their God-given talents to perpetuate a school of high grade and character. Starting with the early career of its founder, Brigadier General Mark Perrin Lowrey, Miss Sumral traces his activities through the actual beginnings of the College and goes on to deal in interesting and comprehensive fashion with virtually every phase of the College's activities up until 1945. She gives attention to the administrations of all four of the presidents and mention is made of every teacher who has served the College in its entire seventy-five-year history. Three societies; the work of the alumnae association, the more noted women connected with the College, standards and accreditation, are discussed. My reaction to the reading of this book is to encourage all to buy it. Copies may be secured from the Blue Mountain College Bookstore. — J. L. BOYD, Sr.

I would like to express to those who attended the Evangelistic Conference last week my sincere gratitude for the contribution you made to our city. We hope you will return for another visit. My one regret is that the recordings of Dr. Perry Webb's messages was not sufficiently clear for typing purposes. — D. Swan Haworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

Memoirs Of McCheyne by Andrew A. Bonar (\$3.50) is another in the Wycliffe series of Christian classics, a large cloth bound volume containing 448 pages. The book contains a notable compilation of the papers, letters, and heart warming messages of Robert Murray McCheyne. Every pastor, Christian worker and laymen will find in this book ready and practical suggestions for everyday living, and for the ministry of winning others through the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Orders from the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Illinois or from the Baptist Book Store.

OLD TIME RELIGION by Dr. Joe Henry Hawkins (\$1.50) contains 12 warm sermons that will be of real interest to those who enjoy reading after a spirit-filled preacher. The print is easy to read and the book is cloth bound. There are 158 pages. Order from the Sword of The Lord Publishers, 214 W. Wesley St. Wheaton, Ill., or from the Baptist Book Store.

Hobson Shirey has been elected Brotherhood secretary in Alabama.

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### CARL VERNON WEBB

On April 15, 1886 at Dickey's Mill in Amite County Carl Vernon Webb was born to Pleasant Culpepper and Mary Beulah Bates Webb. When he was two years of age his parents moved to Bates' Mill in the same county where he lived until he left the home fires to work for himself. He lost his mother when he was fourteen but the influence of her consecrated Christian character had a great part in molding his life. A strong Christian step-mother, Evelyn Ditto of Natchez, Mississippi, came into the home to help his father rear him and his six sisters and brothers—Katie Lou (who lived eight years), Alma, Chas, Roy, and Edgar. To the last union were born four children.

It was at Bates' Mill that he got his early schooling. Later he attended Liberty Male and Female College and completed his scholastic training at Oskya under Mr. Pete Marsalis.

C. V. Webb married Myrtis Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Simms, on October 21, 1909. To this union four children were born—Elsie, Doris (who lived only six months), Edward, and Mary. After he married he worked in the Illinois Central Railroad boiler shop, for the Liberty White Railroad at McComb and later for the Fernwood Columbia - Gulf Railroad at Kokomo. He left Kokomo to manage a lumber company in southwest Louisiana. The last twenty-six years of his life, ending December 31, 1947, were spent in Fernwood where he was an employee of the Fernwood, Columbia and Gulf Railroad.

For twenty years Mr. Webb served on the Fernwood Separate School District Board, always striving to make it possible for every child to have the best physical, spiritual, literary, and musical training.

Before he was in his teens he was converted and united with Eastfork Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Lane. During his days in Fernwood he found his place in the church and gave of his time and talents unstintingly, never tiring of anything that would further Christ's Kingdom. The church and its people have been blessed by his work—teaching and adult Sunday School class and later a class of junior boys, serving as director of the Training Union, and a deacon. The sympathetic personal interest that he had in his family and friends caused them to seek his prayer and advice. May his memory encourage and inspire others to follow the Great Master that he worshiped and served.



## Work Progresses At Port Gibson Church



REV. A. L. CHUMBLEY

Port Gibson Church, under the leadership of Pastor A. L. Chumbley, is making progress. Since September there have been 62 additions, 26 by baptism.

With the recent addition of a YWA the church now has all of the WMU organizations. Two new Sunday School classes have been organized and a Story Hour and an Adult Union has been added to the Training Union. The Immediate Union has been re-organized.

Mr. Chumbley is a graduate of Baylor University and of Southwestern Seminary and succeeds Rev. Paul D. Boothe who resigned several months ago and is now Associate Sunday School Secretary in Mississippi.

Mrs. Chumbley was also educated at Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. There are two children, Patricia Marie, 8 and Richard Leon, 3.

## CARTHAGE YWA HONORED

Carthage Church observed Ruby Daniels YWA focus week starting with the bulletin prepared and presented by the YWA on Sunday when they were special guests. A mother-daughter banquet was held on Thursday with attractive decorations, a delicious menu, and a good program with Mrs. L. B. Barnes, Jr., as master of ceremonies. Taking part on this were Pastor G. O. Parker, Mrs. Kirby Nazary, Ruth Peebles, Mrs. Homer Craft, Emily Ann Smith, Caroline Greshman, Mary E. Mills and Margaret Ann Keirn. Attending in addition were Betty Jackson, Betty Earl Craft, Celeste Moss, Dorothy Jane Thames, Ann Marie Cotton, Jeanette Hogue, Virginia Lee Ryan, Alice Lee White and Natalie Gross.

Other mothers and guests were: Mesdames Will White, Emmitt Thames, Ed Jackson, Oscar Peebles, Cecil Peebles, B. F. Hogue, Jimmie Gresham, Thurma Moss and Howard Gross. In addition to Pastor Parker, Kirby Nazary and L. B. Barnes, Jr., were guests. The counsellor, Mrs. Barnes, was given a box of Valentine candy by Ruth Peebles for the YWA.

Smiley Mason, Raymond Ellis and Clyde Vaughn, members of the RA, served the banquet. Hostesses were Mesdames Tom Barnett, M. L. Vaughn, Bertha Fowler and Mamie Ricker.

The YWA, one year old, had a successful year, having carried out the following activities: distribution of love boxes at holiday seasons; orphanage box; musical programs presented at the church on Stewardship night; participation in weeks of prayer; collection of relief clothing for overseas; Christmas caroling and mission study courses, the latest being led by Mrs. Lonnie Nester. Betty Jackson serves as Junior GA counsellor and Ruth Peebles, Emily Smith and Caroline Gresham presented the Sunbeams' week of prayer program on March 1.

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The W.M.S. of Brooksville Church recently had a study course and social in the home of Mrs. Lora McMorris and Mrs. Lillian Todd. Pastor and Mrs. Tom Douglas and Mrs. Todd taught the book, *Spiritual Frontiers*.

## Department of Temperance Activities

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May 1948 has been designated by our Southern Baptist Convention as commitment month, and our Sunday School Board is leading with an abundance of material prepared for this month. We should be able to lead millions of people to oppose alcohol as a beverage. The program committee for the convention in Memphis has arranged for an address at 10:40 a. m. Saturday, May 22, by Dr. W. R. White of Texas on Southern Baptists making a commitment.

Our Methodist brethren had their commitment day on February 15, it is our understanding that they have had a great response. Thousands of their people are signing commitment cards. A Baptist deacon said that he had never tasted whiskey in his life. When he was just a small boy he signed a commitment card pledging to abstain from the use of beverage alcohol, and he kept his pledge.

### Victories Won in the Legislature

The week ending February 21, several major victories were won by the dries. All of the vicious hard liquor bills were killed in the Senate and in the House of Representatives. The

Senate also voted to repeal the Black Market Tax Law. The manifest interest on the part of the Christian people from every nook and corner of Mississippi had a great influence on decisions. On Wednesday, February 18, when these matters were up for discussion hundreds of people came to Jackson. It had weight with the Legislature.

### Other Bills Pending

Everyone should watch the papers for the announcements and when these other liquor bills or bills to legalize Sunday movies come up for discussion, the people should speak again as they did before. Christian people can have the kind of laws they want if they will express themselves at the right time and in the proper manner. When these liquor bills and bills to legalize Sunday movies, ballgames, etc., are to be discussed by our Legislature, every Christian should contact their Legislators and if possible come in to Jackson for the discussion. We should not pass it off by saying, "Let others do it," and then go down in defeat and thus have cause for regret.

## "Historically Speaking"

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, Miss.

A letter and package of minutes are at hand from the Clerk of the Mississippi Association ("the Mother of Associations"). In the letter he says: "I had to go out by the highways to find a copy each year." Yes, that is the way to do it, and the place to find them. And allow me to appeal to all Clerks, Moderators, Convention Board Members, and others—pastors and everybody—to do this in every association where there are missing minutes in our files. Many, many of them are tucked away in the churches—in old store rooms, pulpit cabinets, table drawers, among the discarded song books, Sunday School literature, etc. Please, everybody search out and send to me all that can be found, I have a place and a need for them.

The Old Mississippi Association is in her 142nd year, having been organized in 1806. Since 1906, we have every copy of her minutes through 1947. Of her first century, only 26 copies are missing, and these are mostly of the early years. But these missing ones are not entirely lost, as their essential facts are given in T. C. Shilling's "Abstract History of Mississippi Baptist Association, from 1806 to 1906." This is a fine example of all Associations in the preservation of their history. Carey E. Young is the present clerk. He is the County Tax Assessor, but has time to be a model Associational Clerk.

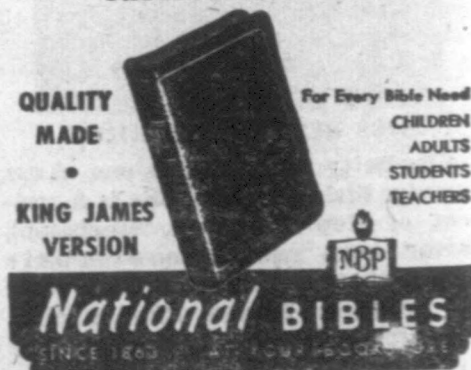
Let everybody in every Association help me as Mr. Young has recently done.

W. H. Dodd, father of Dr. M. E. Dodd, died February 23 at the age of 97. He was born in Gibson County, Tennessee, where he lived all his life. Mr. Dodd is survived by one brother, J. B. Dodd, of Oklahoma; a daughter, Mrs. Willis P. Butler of Shreveport; two sons, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, and Robert M. Dodd of Trenton, Tennessee.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Marion County Association. The minutes are well prepared and attractively printed. The session was held October 16 at Foxworth Church. The next association meets at Oloh Church on Thursday, October 14.

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## OPENING NIGHT WILL BE BROTHERHOOD NIGHT

BY LAWSON H. COOKE

The convention Committee on Order of Business has complimented the Baptist Brotherhood of the South very highly by designating the opening night of the Southern Baptist Convention -- Wednesday night, May nineteenth -- as "Brotherhood Night" and by giving us full direction of the program. We are not unmindful of the heavy responsibility which this places upon us.

We are now preparing one of the most spectacular, at the same time highly spiritual, presentations ever witnessed by the convention. The theme for Brotherhood Night will be "The Romance of the Cooperative Program," and not fewer than five thousand laymen are expected to attend.

Watch your state paper for further announcements.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS



Jackson, Mississippi,  
March 1, 1948

Dear Fellow Christians:

After an absence of fifteen years, I have returned to my native state to become Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and to identify myself with the Baptist forces of Mississippi.

To say that I am happy to be back in the "Magnolia State" is putting it mildly. To be associated with Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Convention in our great Baptist program is a pleasure and a privilege. Likewise, it is a distinct honor to join hands with Hon. Leland Speed, President of the Foundation, and the other members of the Board of Trustees in the great business of promoting the interests of the Kingdom of God in this good State.

It shall be my constant aim and my unflinching purpose to work in close cooperation and perfect harmony with Secretary McCall and our churches and pastors. Their interests are my interests, their desires are my desires and their objectives are my objectives. Our approaches are different, but our objectives are the same: the strengthening of all our churches, our associations and our institutions, that the Gospel of Christ may be preached and taught and lived throughout Mississippi and the world. To this holy task, I dedicate my best energies and efforts. In the language of Paul, "This one thing I do." I have no other objective, I want no other.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It is a non-profit organization. It is utterly unselfish. It seeks only the good of Mississippi Baptists. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation was conceived for others, born for others and lives for others. It was designed to supplement the work of our State Board and it in no sense in competition with any other agency.

And now let me cast myself upon you in the very beginning of my work for your most faithful and fervent prayers. Pray for the Foundation, the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretary. Ask God to give strength and wisdom and every need; that the Foundation may fill to the full the high and holy purpose for which it was created.

I hope our church and pastors will feel free to call upon me when I can be of service.

Yours, for a greater Baptist Foundation,  
B. C. LAND



## Shadows Over Our Schools

By Frank S. Mead  
(By Permission of The Christian Herald)  
(Continued from Last Week)

### IS THE HEAT ON?

It needs to be said here that the lay Catholic teacher in our public schools has never surrendered to that pressure; by and large, they do not obey their orders. And by and large even the rank and file of the folks in the Roman Catholic Church have not yet accepted the idea of the Catholic parochial schools. Since 1930, attendance in parochial schools has not kept pace with the growth of the population. The Church is increasing its pressure on laymen to support the parochial school. To date, however, many Catholic parents pay no more than \$1 per month per child and that isn't enough to keep any school running. It is true, as affirmed by those who oppose certain current legislation to provide free school buses for parochial pupils, for instance, that the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States is putting the heat on to make the Protestants pay the bills their own people refuse to pay?

You don't believe that? Well, look at the nineteen states in which Protestants are already being taxed for those bus rides. Look in almost any of the other twenty-nine states, and you'll see organized campaigns going on. Look at Congress in Washington, where the bills of seven senators and two congressmen are calling for Federal aid for church and private schools. Who is pushing those bills?

There is a stronghold in New Mexico, but from Maine to Florida the basic problem grows. The issue is totalitarianism in American free education. Do we want in public education what Spain and Italy have?

You don't think it could happen in your town? My friend, it already has begun to happen. The hierarchy isn't interested only in controlling Catholic education where you live, but in controlling all education. Certainly they are sincere, but what will the success of their efforts mean to the American public school? Catholics are encouraged to control boards of education and to place Catholics in other key positions in the educational systems. Do you remember what happened in North College Hill, Cincinnati, back in 1946, when a Catholic-dominated school board tried to force Sisters into the public schools and twenty-eight of the thirty-three teachers in town resigned, and the National Education Association had to step in and blackball the whole school system? A riot happened! Have you read the articles written by leading Catholic scholars, written to make you think that your interpretation of the First Amendment to the Constitution is all wrong? That writing isn't slanted at New Mexico; it's slanted at you.

### CATHOLIC FATHERS' DUTY

Says a pamphlet entitled, "May an American Oppose the Public School?" by Paul L. Blakely, S. J.: "Our first duty to the public school is not to pay taxes for its maintenance. We pay that tax under protest . . . The first duty for every Catholic father to the public school is to keep his children out of it." That, of course, is every American father's right but it is the right of no American, whatever his faith, to weaken or destroy the public school from within.

It isn't happening in your town? Well, you better take a look around. If it is not happening yet, it can — and presently may.

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Without exception we have observed that when the Sunday school is alert, alive, sound, and spiritual, and is properly organized as the arm of the church, there is a strong church. A Church without a good Sunday School is like an army without weapons or vehicles. — B. V.

## Skene Advances Building Program



SKENE CHURCH

Since the Skene Baptist church burned in February 1947, members have worked faithfully to erect a modern two story building, on which work was begun last September using the "pay-as-you-go" plan, and employing local labor. To date the project is successful, with a \$2,000 surplus left for completion of Sunday school rooms.

Many contributions have aided materially in furnishing the church. Among these are an attic fan, a picture for the Baptists, 25 folding chairs, venetian blinds for the pastor's study, collection plates, B. T. U. and Sunday school register boards, a bulletin board for the church and others.

On February 5 a Sunday school register boards, a bulletin board for the church and others.

On February 5 a Sunday school clinic was held with 32 officers and workers present. Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Waldrup of Merigold, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander of Boyle and Rev. Joel Sturdivant of Merigold led in this with splendid results.

Another forward step was taken by the church when they voted the first of 1948 to call the pastor indefinitely rather than use the "yearly call plan."

Pastor D. I. Young, Jr., and the people face the future with faith that they can accomplish more in the new building and anticipate a happy year's work. Above is shown the picture of the new church.

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### N. E. Miss. Bible Conference Meets At Ingomar March 16

The Northeast Mississippi Bible Conference is to meet with Ingomar Church, Union County, March 16-17.

The Book on Romans will be studied and the following preachers have places on the program: Hubert Thomas, A. M. Overton, L. C. Riley, James Henry, E. B. McGee, T. C. Hodges, R. L. Ray, J. S. Grubbs, J. R. Davis, Cecil Carter, R. B. Patterson, Windham McDonald, M. E. Wright, Pender Cobb, E. R. Henderson, Bilbo Lively, W. T. Tyler, Audie Mayes, J. J. Berryhill, Franw Cox, A. M. Overton, E. A. Autry, H. R. Holcomb, M. V. Owen, Truett Mounce, P. M. Powell, Winford Moore, J. C. Monroe, J. H. Crawford, L. C. Riley D. S. Tidwell, J. C. McMillen, W. T. Darling, Clark Rakestraw, L. G. Sansing, H. H. Ward, H. H. Aultman, C. J. Smyly, P. H. Richardson, R. M. Lewis, C. E. Patch, J. D. Thompson, Frank Warren, J. F. Measells, Ernest Rakestraw, R. L. Palmer, Kermit Goodwyn, A. B. Jones and Pay Henry.

Rev. H. G. West, pastor and Ingomar Church extend a cordial invitation to all preachers and laymen to attend the conference. Entertainment is free to all.

## CHARLES TYLER ACCEPTS CROWDER PASTORATE

Rev. Charles Tyler has accepted the pastorate of the Crowder Church, and is already on the field; having begun there February 8.

For the past four years Rev. Mr. Tyler has served as pastor of the Ludlow Baptist Church. During these years there, he also served some of the neighboring churches.

In leaving Ludlow, Forkville, and Scott County Mr. Tyler says: "It is with regret that I sever relationships with the work here, because some of the finest people anywhere are here."

Mr. Tyler is a graduate of Mississippi College, and has received his advanced training at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Wilkinson Memorial, R. C. Bounds, pastor, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions. The list was sent by Shelly Bounds.

The Sunday School Department issued 19,641 teacher training awards in January; the Training Union Department issued 24,457 awards compared with 17,640 in 1947.

Sandersville helped the Baptist Record along in its circulation by sending 20 additional names to be added to the EVERY FAMILY List. W. C. Robertson was the sender.

## 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd Sr.  
40 YEARS AGO

The revival meeting at Clinton in which Dr. W. W. Hamilton did the preaching, came to a close Sunday night with 114 accessions to the Baptist church, fifty-six of whom pastor P. I. Lipsey baptized on Monday night following. "The spiritual life of the church and student bodies was much quickened." (Some thirty or more young people volunteered for special Christian service, of whom the writer was one).

### 25 YEARS AGO

Pastor H. L. Martin of Indianola leads his church to put the Baptist Record in the annual Budget, "to pay for it the same way we pay the other expenses of the church."

The Newton Baptist church put the Record in its annual Budget, and the pastor writes:—"Try it, brother, it will do itself if you will give it a little time." And then he concludes, "Let me raise the question, why not the denomination put the Record in the home of every Baptist family in the State?"

Pastor J. L. Boyd, appealing for assistance for the First Baptist church of Biloxi writes:—"The ends of the earth meet in Biloxi and the denomination can greatly aid this struggling band in placing Christ and Him crucified properly before the heedless multitudes that come and go — and that 'stay'."

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- March 3 — Dr. Grady Cox, Professor of Music, Mississippi College.
- March 9 — State Mission Budget.
- March 10 — I. E. Rouse, Head of Bible and Religious Education, Miss. Woman's College, Hattiesburg.
- March 11 — Rev. S. E. Sumrall, Trustee, Clarke Memorial College.
- March 12 — BSU Volunteer Missions week.
- March 13 — W. L. Holcomb, Temperance Dept., Baptist Headquarters.
- March 14 — Miss Lanell Horne, Deer Creek Associational Training Union Director.

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### Davis Accepts Hollandale, Comes From Clinton, Ky.



REV. WILLIAM P. DAVIS

Another Mississippi pastor is coming home. Rev. William P. Davis has accepted the pastorate at Hollandale and will take over his new duties on March 16.

Mr. Davis was born in Blue Springs, Mississippi and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He took his Seminary work at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, later studied at the Chaplain's School, Harvard, and has done graduate work at George Peabody College for Teachers and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

Former pastorates of Mr. Davis include several churches within reach of Clarke, and Mississippi Colleges; Druid Park Church, Baltimore; First Church, Springfield, Tenn.; and First Church, Clinton, Ky. From 1943 to 1946 Mr. Davis served as a Chaplain in the United States Army.

While serving as pastor at Clinton, Ky., Mr. Davis was elected a member of the Executive Board of the State Mission Board; secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association of Kentucky of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and clerk of the West Kentucky Baptist Association.

Mrs. Davis, the former Grace Sadler, is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College and of Blue Mountain College. She is a sister of Dr. William O. Sadler, Mississippi College. The Davis' have one son, William, age 16.

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### MARVIN HINES RESIGNS PRENTISS COUNTY FIELD

Rev. Marvin E. Hines has resigned the pastorate of the Osborne Creek and Thrasher Baptist Churches of Prentiss County to accept the full time work of the Baptist Church at Ramer, Tennessee.

Mr. Hines came to Prentiss County from Cane Run church near Lexington, Kentucky. In the 18 months of his pastorate there have been 26 additions to the two churches. Osborne Creek more than doubled its contributions, while Thrasher gave three times as much as ever before. Both churches have Building Funds started. They had their first Vacation Bible Schools under his leadership, and for the first time in many years mid-week prayer services were held.

Mr. Hines will take up the work at Ramer March 15. He and Mrs. Hines and their two children will move on the field at Ramer as soon as the parsonage is completed.

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E. E. Cox has resigned as Brotherhood Secretary of Alabama effective February 15. He becomes associate superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home at Troy, Ala.

### REEDY GOES TO SARDIS Leaves Crenshaw And Darling

Rev. Guy Reedy has accepted the pastorate of the Sardis Church, Sardis, Mississippi. He succeeds Rev. V. R. Crider who resigned several months ago in order to enter Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Reedy is a graduate of Mississippi College. Upon leaving Mississippi College he enrolled at Southwestern Seminary but had to withdraw because of an attack of polio. Upon recovery he served as assistant pastor of his home church of Aberdeen and in March 1946 became Pastor of Crenshaw and Darling Churches. During his 18 months at Darling and Crenshaw there were 70 additions. Pastor Reedy married the former Doris Spencer of Catchings and they now have two sons, Millard Guy, III, and Stephen Spencer.

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### VIRGIL DAVIS ORDAINED

Rev. Virgil Davis was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on January 25 by First Church, Crystal Springs. Mr. Davis was examined on questions of his conversion, his call to the ministry, his beliefs on "call to place of service," on the ordinances of the Baptist Church and on organization of Baptist churches and on Baptist doctrine.

Rev. Herman Milner, Pastor of Van Winkle Church, preached the Ordination Sermon and Rev. Cary Cox, Hazlehurst pastor delivered the charge.

Rev. M. D. Morton, Pastor of First Church, Crystal Springs, presented the young minister with a Bible in behalf of the church. The Ordination Prayer was led by Rev. Thurman Boothe, Pastor of Terry Church. Ministers present in addition to the above were: P. B. Greene, W. C. Drummond, and Joe Walters. Deacons present were, Robert Slay, J. B. Robinson, A. B. Young and W. A. Puckett.

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### Latonia Church Had Largest Prayer Meeting Attendance

Latonia Church, Covington, Ky., Rev. John E. Huss, Pastor, had the largest New Year's Eve Prayer Meeting attendance of any church in the Southern Baptist Convention. The resident membership is 1512 and the attendance was 1522. Other churches among the first 10 in attendance were: First Church, Edgefield, S. C., John S. Wimblish, Pastor, (membership 580) 338; Second Ponce de Leon, Atlanta, Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., (1425) 300; South Main, Houston, E. H. Westmoreland, (3500) 300; Gaston Ave., Dallas, W. Marshall Craig, (4000) 300; First, Dallas, W. A. Criswell, (800) 3000; Ginter Park, Richmond, T. R. Coleman, (975) 275; First Gainesville, Fla., Thos. V. McCaul, (1746) 277; Main St., Bartow, Fla., Kenneth C. Baker, (200) 269; Brent, Pensacola, Fla., Hugh F. Pyle, (450) 260.

The ten churches having the largest percentage of enrollment present were Trinity, Trace, Calif., Edgar N. Garrett, Pastor, 194 0/0; Dryden, Va., J. S. Rose, 168 0/0; North Catawba, Lenoir, N. C. Robert Frye, 166 0/0; Main St., Bartow, Fla., Kenneth C. Baker, 134 0/0; Plumville, Marion, Ill., Kenneth K. Marshall, 130 0/0; First, Freeport, Fla., Ralph J. Noles, 113 0/0; Oak Crest Mission, Jacksonville, Fla., 112 0/0; Letonia, Covington, Ky., John E. Huss, 100 0/0; Walnut Log, Rell Foot Lake, Tenn., D. L. Hemphill, 100 0/0; and Glenola, High Point, N. C., Charles J. McBride, 97 0/0.

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Recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record are as follows: Hubert L. Green, Jackson; Rev. M. P. Jones, Wesson; Rev. W. J. Hemby, Clinton; W. J. Hemby, Jr., Clinton; George H. Gay, Ripley; Lillian Packer, Jackson; Kathryn Reaben, Jackson; Dr. Judson Chastain, Poplarville; Rev. S. J. Rhodes, Poplarville; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. Bob Lowe, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. John L. Gilbert, Soso; Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, Hattiesburg.

John Morgan Clams has presented a Hammond organ to the Brooksville Church, Rev. Tom Douglas, Pastor.

### Man and Boy Movement Originator



Shown is F. Ivy Boggs, Estate Analyst of Dallas, Texas, who is the originator of the Man and Boy Movement, being sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South as one of the four Southwide objectives this year. He is shown talking with a fine freckled face boy. Mr. Boggs will appear on the program of the Baptist Brotherhood Convention, April 1-2, at First Church, Jackson.

### Dr. Land Commended By Quitman Pastor

By Rev. W. L. Meadows

Dr. B. C. Land, recently Director of Stewardship Promotion for the Baptists of Alabama, returns to his native state to serve as Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Trustees of the Baptist Foundation are to be congratulated on securing the services of Dr. Land who is eminently qualified for the position from the standpoint of training and experience.

For more than 25 years, I have known and appreciated B. C. Land and his marvelous ministry. I have been inspired by his dynamic personality, from our earliest association during college days. He preceded me in the pastorate of the Church at Quitman. His ministry to this church, and to the people of this area, lives on today. I have found great joy in following him in this pastorate.

Dr. Land has served, with remarkable success, pastorates in other states. He has also rendered outstanding service in various fields of promotional and denominational work. His devotion to Word of God is reflected in his emphasis on Salvation by grace, consecration of life and talents, and Tithing as God's plan of financing His kingdom. Thus, he comes with a warm heart of Evangelism, and with great leadership ability as organizer and promoter of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

I take great pleasure in commending Dr. B. C. Land to the Baptist Brotherhood of Mississippi. "Receive him, not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved."

W. L. MEADOWS  
Quitman, Mississippi

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Southern Baptist Home Missions for March contains an article on Riverfront Missions with photographs of the Home Board missionaries. Of the eight missionaries pictured, three of them are Blue Mountain College alumnae — Misses Gladys Keith, Amelia Rappold, and Marjorie Bailey. They are serving the Bowen Mission, Toledano Mission, and Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans.

### Blue Mountain Dramatic Group Is Honored

Blue Mountain College has been granted a chapter in Alpha Psi Omega honorary dramatics group, the largest national college organization in any departmental field. The name of the chapter is Lambda Alpha Cast.

To be eligible for membership a student must have participation in dramatic productions with a minimum of acting and other activity as prescribed in the national constitution. Alpha Psi Omega is purely honorary and is not a secret or social organization.

Charter members of the chapter are: Geraldine Lackey, Calhoun City; Marjorie Ray, Falkner; Billye Jewell Carnell, New Albany; Beverly Hodges, Meridian; Allene Sugg, Bellefontaine; and Miss Jean Lowrey, faculty sponsor.

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### MRS. DORA MAGEE

Whereas today we pause to pay tribute to Mrs. Dora Magee, a charter member of Dinan Baptist Church, who passed away on November 18, 1947. After about a year of intense suffering death came as a relief to the patient victim.

Whereas, it is strange to us that she should go, but "We see not as God sees, nor is our way His way," "Father, Thy will be done."

Therefore, be it resolved: That we extend to her family our sincere sympathy in this their great loss.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to The Baptist Record for publication, and a copy retained for the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted.  
MRS. HOSEA LUTER  
MRS. CARLOS OWENS  
MRS. JIMMIE MAGEE

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Rev. B. H. Benton was the preacher and Chaplain N. B. Saucier was the song leader in a ten-day revival meeting at Bowen Memorial Church, Gulf Port. Great crowds filled the house twice daily. There were 25 for baptism, some by letter, and several re-dedications. Pastor Curtis Miller says that this was the greatest meeting in the history of the Church.